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# Impeachment panel stonewalled

» **Committee may vote on remaining 13 articles Thursday**

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REPORTER

Repeatedly saying that the impeachment proceedings are a "waste of time," Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro stonewalled the Special Committee on Impeachment yesterday by invoking his constitutional right to remain silent on questions linking Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to the use of armed law enforcers to prevent former attorney general Edward Buckingham from being served a penal summons shortly before leaving Saipan in August.

Ogumoro invoked his Fifth Amendment right to questions whose answers have already been confirmed by three or four other witnesses since two weeks ago.

These include his orders to police officers on Aug. 3 to stop assisting Office of the Public Auditor investigators from serving a penal summons on Buckingham, and his threat to have these OPA investigators arrested if they con-

tinue to do so.

"Were you asked or instructed to prevent the service of a penal summons or the service of a document by OPA to Mr. Ed Buckingham? And if yes, by whom?" asked Impeachment Committee chair Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan).

Ogumoro's response was, "Fifth Amendment."

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Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro, right, addresses the Special Committee on Impeachment while his legal counsel Douglas Cushnie looks on during yesterday's impeachment hearings on Capital Hill.

## 'Impeachment is not about race'

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Special Committee on Impeachment chair Rep. Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said the ongoing proceedings related to a resolution impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial are all

about 16 allegations of felony, corruption, and neglect of duty, and not about race or ethnicity as is being claimed by Fitial and his supporters during village campaigns ahead of the Nov. 6 midterm elections.

Deleon Guerrero said the claims being made

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## Rota, Tinian health centers incur \$3M deficit

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REPORTER

Its first year managing the Tinian and Rota health centers was such a financial disaster that the Com-

» **Corporation eyes return of Tinia, Rota health centers to local govt**

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Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo, left, and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta share the two territories' healthcare challenges during the governor's visit to the public hospital Friday.

monwealth Health Corp. is now thinking of returning the facilities back to the control of their local governments.

Corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta and chief operating officer Esther Muña disclosed during their meeting with Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo Friday that operating the two satellite health centers has resulted in about a \$3-million loss for the corporation.

Babauta disclosed that the two centers' expenses

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# Local

## EEOC gives Garrison 'right to sue' Sablan

After more than a year, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission finally issued a decision paving the way for former Saipan Southern High School principal to file a lawsuit against Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.

EEOC commission director Timothy A. Riera issued on Sept. 27 a notice of "dismissal and notice of rights" in Garrison's complaint against Sablan.

Citing Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, or the Age

Discrimination in Employment Act, EEOC stated that Garrison "may file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) under federal law based on this charge in federal or state court" within 90 days after receipt of the EEOC decision or the "right to sue" will be lost.

For Equal Pay Act lawsuits, EEOC said the case must be filed in federal or state court within two years or three years for willful violations of the alleged EPA underpayment.

Garrison said yesterday that he will continue to pursue all avenues to find justice.

"It's clear to me there was wrongdoing on the part of the commissioner. She knew it, I knew it, and so did everyone else. It's just unfortunate that instead of choosing to take the high road and do what was right, she let her ego get in the way. As for filing the lawsuit...I will continue to pursue all options in finding justice for this case," Garrison told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan declined to comment, saying she has yet to see the EEOC notice.

Based on the affidavit submitted by the former principal

to the EEOC Honolulu Office, Garrison accused Sablan of constructive discharge, harassment, retaliation, and discipline and discharge.

Garrison resigned last year citing irreconcilable differences with the PSS leadership. He tendered his resignation effective Sept. 1, 2011, but prior to this date, Sablan placed him on administrative leave until the end of his contract. Garrison described this as retaliation by Sablan.

Garrison filed the discrimination complaint against Sablan in July 2011. (*Moneth G. Deposa*)



A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority  
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## Onnuri Tour TV Home Shopping Promotion



**O**nnuri Tour held a TV home shopping promotion in Korea on Sept. 7 with the goal of selling 350 customers a tour package to the Northern Marianas by Nov. 10.



The promotion, also sponsored by Pacific Islands Club (PIC) Saipan, Asiana Airlines, and the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) offered a PIC Saipan Gold package with an additional \$200 in special benefits. Benefits include Asiana mileage, room upgrade, Marianas guidebook, underwater camera, and more.

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## Fitial calls for leadership summit today

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has set a joint leadership meeting with members of the Legislature at 9am today in the governor's conference room to discuss the four major issues of the economy, healthcare system, pension system, and utilities, but many of the 20 lawmakers said yesterday they won't be able to attend.

The meeting has been rescheduled thrice, because of the budget deliberations more than two weeks ago and the public hearing on a chief justice nominee last week.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday it is important that leaders continue to work "as a collective body rather than against each other."

"As leaders, we represent the same people and shall continue to work toward the common good. The worst thing we can do is to stop trying. We all know the issues we are facing. And we may have different ways of approaching them, but let's lay it all on the table and come up with the best an-

swer," Camacho added.

Another lawmaker who asked that his name be withheld said he's not attending because the governor will only use the leadership summit to divert lawmakers' attention from the ongoing impeachment proceedings.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), for his part, said last night that he thinks this is "another meeting that will go nowhere."

"From past history, the governor has not been forthcoming and he should change. He needs to explain to the people what his plans are openly. I will not be attending this meeting as I am busy with other matters. Lastly, the House and Senate are venues where the governor can go on the air for free for as long as he wants if he wishes to address the good people of the Commonwealth," he said.

Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), for her part, said as much as she would love to attend today's meeting, she wouldn't be able to do so because she is on Rota for the funeral and burial services of close family members.

## Storm intensifies, moves away

A tropical disturbance intensified into a tropical storm but moved away from the Marianas yesterday.

As of 7pm Monday, the center of Tropical Storm Maria (23W) was 350 miles west of Agrihan, 385 miles west-northwest of Pagan, 405 miles northwest of Alamagan, 535 miles north-northwest of Saipan, and 610 miles north-northwest of Guam.

According to the U.S. National Weather Service in Guam, Maria is moving north-northwest at 17 miles per hour

with maximum sustained winds of 60mph.

NWS urges the public to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially along north and west facing reefs, as rip currents are life-threatening.

Hazardous surf of 9 to 11 feet is expected along west and north facing reefs through today, Tuesday.

Surf will fall to 8 to 10 feet by Wednesday, but is expected to remain hazardous until Thursday. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## WSR staff's investigation leads to arrest of 2 burglary suspects

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A maintenance staff of William S. Reyes Elementary School in Chalan Kanoa did a bit of investigating about a break-in at the school, leading to the arrest of two male teenagers on Friday.

The suspects—Walter A. Florencio and Benito B. Lee, both 19 years old—were taken to Superior Court yesterday on charges of theft. Their bail was set at \$500 cash and \$4,500 unsecured bond each.

Preliminary hearing will be on Oct. 25 at 9am.

Police detective Alex T. Sakisat stated in his report that burglars broke into the WSR main office and maintenance storage room on Aug. 27, 2012,

and stole two bush cutters and a large bundle of copper wires that the school uses on Family Fund night every February.

The burglary was discovered when a maintenance personnel reported to work at 6:30am and discovered the storage door was open.

Because copper wires were stolen, a maintenance staff drove to a nearby Triple Star Recycling Center in As Perdido to investigate.

At Triple Star, the maintenance staff found on the floor a bundle of copper wires weighing 46 kilos. The maintenance staff called his colleague to come over to verify the wires. The second maintenance worker came and identified the four wrapped bundles of copper

wires as WSR property.

Later, the recycling center's cashier gave police detective Catherine Pangelinan a copy of the receipt dated Aug. 25, 2012, that was issued to two individuals who sold the copper wires.

The receipt indicated that 46 kilos of wire worth \$49.50 were sold to two individuals. Footage from a surveillance camera showed two individuals selling the bundles of copper wires.

Pangelinan identified the suspects as Florencio and Lee, who live in Chalan Kanoa near the former Bolis Store.

The detective also noticed on the video footage that the SUV used by the suspects has a white skeleton sticker design on the right bottom portion of the windshield.

Pangelinan drove to the residence of Florencio where she found a Hyundai Santa Fe with white skeleton sticker design on the windshield parked in the driveway.

Sakisat said that Florencio later admitted in an interview that he and his friend Lee sold the copper wires to the recycling center.

On the same day, Sakisat said, Lee also allegedly confessed that he and Florencio were the ones who stole and sold the copper wires.

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- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
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- VII. NEW BUSINESS
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  2. BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03 RE STRATEGIC PLAN
  3. BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04 RE BUSINESS PLAN
  4. BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-05 RE CREDENTIALING OF MEDICAL STAFF
  5. BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-06 RE NHSC SITE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
  6. BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-07 RE AMENDMENTS TO FY2013 BUDGET
  7. BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-08 RE RECRUITMENT & RETENTION PLAN
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- IX. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION
- X. MISCELLANEOUS
  - A. Next Meeting
  - B. Adjournment



## 'FBI search on ex-principal's computer unintentional, lawful'

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The FBI special agent's search on the computer of former Whispering Palms School principal Thomas Weindl using an Internet surveillance software secretly installed on it was not the result of an intentional search and was

therefore lawful, according to a federal prosecutor.

Assistant U.S. attorney Rami S. Badawy asserted that there is no evidence to support Weindl's claim that the FBI special agent's installation of the eBlaster monitoring amounted to a government search.

Badawy made the arguments in

the U.S. government's opposition to Weindl's motion to suppress evidence.

Weindl, through his lawyer, is asserting that the search on his computer by the FBI agent was without a warrant and therefore all evidence obtained from this warrantless search must be barred at trial.

The defense counsel said the FBI

agent strongly suspected Weindl of downloading the pornographic images referenced in the eBlaster report, yet did not advise him of his Miranda rights prior to questioning him.

In the U.S. government's opposition, Badawy said the agent downloaded the eBlaster software using his personal desktop computer at his home and also downloaded such software using his own personal Internet connection, and then installed it on the laptop computer specifically assigned to his adolescent son.

The prosecutor said the agent's receipt of the eBlaster emails detailing the defendant's criminal activity was the result of the accidental happenstance and not an intentional search.

As the Ninth Circuit has held, Badawy said, accidental discovery is not a search triggering Fourth Amendment concerns. He said exclusion of evidence in this case is not appropriate because there is no government conduct to deter.

As for defendant's statements, Badawy said that Weindl's statements were voluntary and, as such, are admissible.

He pointed out that there is no evidence that Weindl's statements were obtained as a result of any type of coercion or improper inducement.

Weindl is facing two counts of receipt of child pornography and two counts of access with intent to view child pornography. He pleaded not guilty.

## PSS joins National Principals' Month celebration

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The CNMI Public School System joined this month's celebration of National Principals Month where teachers, students, parents, and stakeholders are encouraged to join public schools in honoring the hard work and dedication of school administrators especially in this time of challenges.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D, said yesterday the week-long occasion will give everyone an opportunity to say "thank you" to school principals who play a pivotal role in the progress of each student.

"I just received a message that this month is National School Principal's Month. This came up to me as a surprise but I certainly want to give honor and recognition to our many principals that work beyond the call of duty. With the little resources that we have to give as an incentive, I am sure that their

recognition is worth the prize," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Sablan and her leadership team, throughout the month, will visit each school cluster to honor individual school leaders and to participate in the activities planned for them by their teachers, students, parents, and community members.

PSS has formed five cluster schools in an effort to maximize and leverage the limited resources of the school system. These clusters include Northeast, Central, South, Tinian, and Rota schools.

Sablan disclosed that PSS is also planning to select a CNMI Principal of the Year next year who will officially represent the Commonwealth public schools and compete in national competitions in the future. For many years, the islands' teacher of the year has been participating at the national level, the same direction that the PSS chief wants for the islands' best principal awardee.

To recognize the essential role that principals play in preparing today's students for the challenges of tomorrow, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Association of Elementary School Principals have declared October 2012 as National Principals Month. Each year these organizations pay tribute to outstanding elementary and middle-level administrators from across the nation during the annual National Distinguished Principals program.

"Principals are among the hardest working yet often least recognized individuals in education. Principals set the academic tone for their schools, and it is their vision, dedication and determination that provide the mobilizing force behind any school reform effort. National Principals Month seeks to honor these unsung heroes for their tireless efforts in pursuit of excellence in education," the organization stated on its website.

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by Fital and other Republicans are "very disturbing" and meant to "appeal to people's emotions."

"The governor and his supporters have been making statements during their village campaigns that the reason he's being impeached is because he is a Carolinian. That is not true and that is a very disturbing statement. The articles of impeachment do not have any mention of race. They are creating racial

tension, which is a concern," the chairman said.

Deleon Guerrero said he will be asking the Legislative Bureau to request Department of Public Safety presence during committee deliberations and during the full House voting on the impeachment resolution.

A Carolinian leader, in a phone interview last night, said he himself does not speak of race or ethnicity during election speeches before crowds. He said the Republican candidates are speaking up on the reasons why they should be voted into

office. He described the other camp's statement as "scare tactic." He also said that race or ethnicity is a sensitive issue, yet it comes up during discussions and gatherings.

Deleon Guerrero said these issues are a cause for concern because of the animosity being created.

"I would like the public to be on notice," he said.

The impeachment proceedings will wrap up on Friday. They are shown live on Channel 60 and are posted on Facebook by some concerned citizens, including Glen Hunter.

## PANEL

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"Mr. Ogomoro, did the governor instruct you to prevent the service of OPA's document?" asked Deleon Guerrero, to which Ogomoro again invoked his Fifth Amendment right.

He was also asked, "Did Mr. Buckingham instruct you or ask you to prevent the service of a penal summons by OPA or their staff?"

With his private counsel Douglas Cushnie by his side in the House chamber yesterday, Ogomoro also invoked his Fifth Amendment right on questions that were meant to clarify DPS policies or personnel rules, such as the person from whom the governor's security aide/driver, Capt. Jermaine Nekaifes, was getting his instructions from.

Ogomoro is the last witness to testify before the committee that is reviewing a historic resolution to impeach the governor for 16 allegations of felony, corruption, and neglect of duty.

Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the committee may start voting on the remaining 13 articles of impeachment on Thursday.

The voting record will be a key part of the committee's report and recommendation to the full 20-member

House of Representatives, which needs at least 14 "yes" votes to impeach the governor. That report could be completed by Friday.

In the nine-member Senate, at least six "yes" votes are needed to convict the governor.

The full House voting is expected to occur days before the Nov. 6 mid-term elections.

### 'Disturbing'

Deleon Guerrero, during the hearing, said he finds it "disturbing" that Ogomoro as DPS deputy commissioner would instruct police officers not only to stop assisting OPA investigators in serving a penal summons—a violation of the law—and to have investigators from another agency be threatened with arrest for doing their job.

"I want to ask you Mr. Ogomoro, what is the basis for you to make a decision to pull these officers back and to threaten the arrest of another investigator?" Deleon Guerrero asked.

Ogomoro responded, "Mr. Chairman, I decline to answer, Fifth Amendment."

In an interview after the hearing, Deleon Guerrero said he was "sort of" disappointed that Ogomoro chose to invoke his Fifth Amendment right even to questions about DPS standard operating procedures.

As to Ogomoro's repeated statements that the impeachment hearings were a waste of time, Deleon Guerrero said, "If you think about it, the reason he's here answering questions is because his officers were instructed to do things that were not part of their...may have been in violation of the law... I think people understand whose time is being wasted in the Buckingham escort."

### 'Not afraid of anyone'

Committee members asked successive, direct questions but Ogomoro almost always invoked his Fifth Amendment rights, more so when Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) started his line of questioning.

"Is it possible that the reason for your invoking your Fifth Amendment is that you are afraid of something?" asked Tebuteb, drawing a reaction from Cushnie.

"Now you're getting out of line congressman. I'm not afraid of anything, and nobody here in this chamber I'm afraid of," Ogomoro said.

"So are you afraid to answer my question?" Tebuteb followed up.

"I'm not saying yes, I'm exercising my Fifth Amendment Mr. Congressman Tebuteb," Ogomoro said.

"Are you in fear of getting terminated from your job," Tebuteb again asked.

"Well you should be honored that

I've been terminated so many times and I'm still working today," Ogomoro responded.

"Are you scared of an authority?" again from Tebuteb.

"I'm at the authority. And I will tell you again, with all due respect, I want to exercise my Fifth Amendment," Ogomoro said.

Tebuteb asked whether Ogomoro was afraid that his answers might incriminate himself.

At this point, Cushnie said, "That question is improper."

The questions that were stonewalled were not only from the House minority members, but even those from the House leadership.

Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) himself asked, "Did you receive any order from the governor to escort Buckingham to the airport?" and "Did Ed Buckingham request a police escort?"

Ogomoro invoked his Fifth Amendment right, as well as to the following questions again from the committee chairman: "Do you know why Mr. Buckingham would need police escort? Did he feel that he was concerned about his safety, what was the reason for police protection?" and "Were federally funded vehicles used in the police escort for Mr. Buckingham?"

Joe Deleon Guerrero also asked Ogu-

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were in excess of \$3 million in the last 12 months, while generating only a combined \$300,000 last fiscal year.

Prior to the corporation's takeover in October 2011, both the management and operation of the Rota and Tinian health centers were handled by their own municipalities. This changed following the enactment of Public Law 16-51, which created the healthcare corporation, the body that now runs the two centers and the Commonwealth Health Center.

Muña said the two centers actually charge patients a "very low" rate but, whether the fees are increased or not, she said the corporation will be unable to break even if it continues to operate the two centers.

Because of the added burden these centers have on an already challenged corporation, Babauta bared the corporation's plan to turn over the two centers' operation to their respective mayor's office.

"CHC has to generate enough to cover that \$3 million cost. We're underwriting Tinian and Rota centers, which makes it tougher for us [to survive]. Now we're looking at giving back management of the Tinian and Rota health centers to the government," said Babauta.

In order to make this happen, however, the existing law that created the corporation must be amended.

Babauta also disclosed that the Rota and Tinian health centers were never included in the corporation's cost reports and are also not included in the Medicare reimbursement.

Last week, Babauta named William Cing permanent resident director for the Tinian Health Center. A permanent Rota resident director will also be named soon. Right now, Sydie Taisacan is doing the job in an acting capacity, replacing Edward Maratita.

Unlike the Rota Health Center, the Tinian Health Center has been operating without a permanent physician for several months now—considered the center's biggest challenge. To cover the center's needs, the corporation rotates CHC doctors to Tinian and signed a special contract with a locum.

Other measures that have also been identified to keep CHC open is a continued reduction-in-force to reduce "top heavy" personnel. The corporation is down to around 400 employees from about 600 in 2011.

Babauta said that overtime pay will also be reduced, while accelerating the billing and collection process for private insurance, self-pay, Medicare and Medicaid, and the adoption of a new fee schedule.

moro whether he's aware of a staff and command meeting at DPS—following the series of hearings—"wherein threats were made that if police officers continue to cooperate to provide testimony, that they may be fired."

"Mr. Chairman, I decline to answer that question," Ogomoro said.

"Mr. Ogomoro, have you threatened any law enforcement officers for cooperating with this body?"

"Mr. Chairman, Fifth Amendment."

Ogomoro's brother, Aniceto, is the acting commissioner of DPS.

As of 7pm last night, House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) has yet to respond to media question whether he will call for a House session on Wednesday at 2pm.

The Impeachment Committee is in recess until Wednesday morning, to give the Legislative Bureau ample time to prepare a synopsis of the evidence gathered from testimony and documents gathered. After reviewing the synopsis, members of the committee could start voting on the 13 remaining articles on Thursday. If they need more time, the voting could be on Friday, Deleon Guerrero said.

This is the first time in CNMI history that a resolution impeaching the governor is formally introduced and reviewed by a special committee.



## Anti-corruption rally being planned for Sunday

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Some private citizens, including Glen Hunter and Ed Propst, are organizing an Oct. 21 "rally against corruption," ahead of an expected House of Representatives vote on a resolution impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

### Saturday garage sale at Brilliant Star

Brilliant Star School is scheduled to organize a garage sale on Navy Hill across the baseball field on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8am to noon.

School principal Richard Sikkel said the items to be sold include clothes, shoes, books, toys, baby gear, household items, and furniture, among others.

"All items for sale are donated by families and friends of the school," said Sikkel.

Pastries and coffee will also be sold.

"Proceeds from the sale will be used for the upkeep of our classrooms," Sikkel said.

Last June, Brilliant Star also held a multi-family garage sale to raise funds to pay for the fresh coat of paint for the school building over the summer.

Sikkel encouraged community members looking for bargain prices to go to their garage sale on Saturday.

For more information, visit Brilliant Star or call 323-7827. (Clarissa V. David)

for 16 allegations of corruption, neglect of duty, and felony.

"Most people feel that corruption in the CNMI is at an all-time high," Hunter told *Saipan Tribune* on Sunday.

Even though the impeachment process is ongoing at the House, Hunter said the governor "is still publicly breaking the law and neglecting his duties."

"He [governor] has yet to acknowledge or take responsibility for his past acts of corruption and neglect, and he continues to misuse public resources with more sole-sourced contracts, more violations of law, and more abuses of power," Hunter added.

These include the sole-source \$190.8-million power purchase agreement with Saipan Development LLC for 25 years and a no-bid \$392,406 ARRA management contract, both among the issues in the impeachment proceedings.

The anti-corruption rally will be held some two weeks before the Nov. 6 mid-term elections wherein at stake are positions currently held by those aligned with the governor.

The anti-corruption rally will include road waving on Sunday from 10am to 12pm at the Microl Intersection in San Jose, the same spot where a pro-impeachment road waving was held last Sept. 16.

On that same day, an anti-impeachment/pro-Fitial rally was held meters away, at the Minatohom Atdao Pavillion in Susupe.

Some Fitial supporters told *Saipan Tribune* that they are not aware of any pro-Fitial rally on Oct. 21.

Press secretary Angel Demapan separately said Sunday, "I'm not aware of any at this time."

Hunter said they are building on the momentum and the spirit of the first rally weeks ago.

"One of the things that encouraged us to hold another rally was the positive response that we got from so many members of the public after the first event. We were also moved to stage another rally after watching nine days of impeachment proceedings. The testimonies on all 16 articles of impeachment have revealed the depths of corruption and neglect of duty by this governor that continue to oppress our community," he said.

Hunter said he and others are thankful for the efforts by certain entities such as the Office of the Public Auditor, some members of the 17th Legislature, and some members of the Judiciary in curbing corruption.

"We as citizens must support those who are actively fighting corruption on our behalf and we must also unite and take action to show our opposition to corruption," he added.

The Special Committee on Impeachment wrapped up its impeachment hearings yesterday and will move on to preparing a committee report and recommendation to the full House of Representatives.

At least 14 "yes" votes are needed in the 20-member House to impeach the governor and at least six "yes" votes in the nine-member Senate to convict him. In the House, the majority is aligned with the governor.

One of Fitial's supporters said Sunday that a Fitial impeachment "is not going to happen."

Hunter said one of the goals of the Oct. 21 rally is to encourage legislators "to move forward with impeachment and hold the governor accountable for his acts of corruption and neglect."

"Second, we want to provide a stage for all candidates in the upcoming election, as well as their supporters, regardless of party affiliation, to come out and

show their commitment to fighting corruption, and their support for impeachment. Third, we will be celebrating all the positive steps that have been taken in the fight against corruption, and the progress that we as a community have made through lawsuits, petitions, blogs, letters to the editor, and personal conversations with one another," he said.

He also said that lately, "a select group of corrupt 'insiders' have been fanning the flames of racism, fear, and hatred at pocket meetings and picnic tables in their attempts to divide our small community. Cover-ups and cloaks of secrecy are required by the corrupt, and so is division. This rally is a direct challenge to those insiders

and their tactics. This is a rally for unity and solidarity to defeat corruption, and everyone who cares about the future of our CNMI is invited to join, regardless of age, race, culture, nationality, or party affiliation," Hunter said.

Hunter also shared a quote his sister shared with him after the first rally: "I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about it. Then I realized I am somebody."

"We are all somebody. Please stand with us at the rally against corruption," he added.

This is the first time in CNMI history that a resolution impeaching the governor has been pre-filed, introduced, and reviewed by a special committee.



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# Fitial not appointing AAG Alepuyo as permanent AG

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial will not be appointing assistant attorney general Viola Alepuyo as attorney general, a post she is currently holding in an acting capacity. Press secretary Angel Demapan said this when asked for comment Sunday, adding that the governor will be appointing another person as AG.

Demapan also clarified that Alepuyo "was hired as an assistant attorney general, not as attorney general."

"As an assistant AG, Alepuyo was designated acting AG following the resignation of the then attorney general. The OAG had already looked into this matter long before there was a lawsuit. The acting AG opined that the statute does not apply because she is not a nominee,

but merely an assistant AG designated to take charge until a new AG has been appointed and confirmed," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Any permanent AG appointment needs the advice and consent of the Senate.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), chairman of the Senate Com-

mittee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations, said his committee has yet to receive any AG appointment from the governor.

Fitial named Alepuyo acting AG on Aug. 13 when the governor accepted Edward T. Buckingham's second resignation "due to personal and medical reasons."

Buckingham is the subject of a bench warrant for failing to show up in court despite a penal summons to face criminal charges filed against him by the Office of the Public Auditor.

A resolution impeaching the governor includes allegations that Fitial neglected his duty when he failed to terminate Buckingham

when it was evident he violated laws when he hosted a meet-and-greet for a delegate candidate at the governor's house in 2010, among other things.

On Friday, private citizen Glen Hunter filed a lawsuit against Fitial and Alepuyo. Hunter said the law requires that the governor submit an AG nominee's name to the Senate within 30 days from the date that person was temporarily appointed. He said it's been over two months since the Aug. 13 temporary appointment, adding that Alepuyo is illegally occupying her post and her salary is an illegal expenditure of public funds after the initial 30 days.

## DCCA chief adamant vs worker's reinstatement

Secretary Melvin Faisao of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs disputes a recent court order allowing the reinstatement of a juvenile corrections worker at the Division of Youth Services shelter.

Thelma S. Kapileo received a notice of termination on Oct. 5, 2011, for failure to perform her duties and responsibilities as an emergency shelter caretaker, with DCCA citing one occasion when a female detainee

was sexually assaulted while on Kapileo's watch.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman ordered last month the immediate reinstatement of Kapileo, who sued Faisao and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for unlawful suspension and termination, violation of employment contract, and violation of U.S. constitutional due process protections.

"The allegations in this case

are that a child was sexually assaulted in the [living room] of the DYS shelter house during Ms. Kapileo's watch," Faisao said in a statement.

Faisao noted that the government's interest in protecting the children in the shelter outweighed Kapileo's interest in receiving a paycheck.

"Obviously, the court didn't see it this way. We fully intend to prove the allegations at trial," he added. *(Clarissa V. David)*

## Year 3 and CK diocese still awaits bishop appointment

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The Diocese of Chalan Kanoa has entered its third year without a new bishop to lead the predominantly Catholic community of the Northern Marianas.

Rev. Fr. Ryan P. Jimenez, apostolic administrator for the diocese, said the CNMI will have a prelate "not in our time but in God's time."

"If anything, it's a lesson for us to wait patiently... It's hard but I guess that's where the Lord wants us to be at this time," he said in an interview.

Jimenez said the diocese joins Fiji and three other dioceses within the Pacific Region that are still awaiting a new bishop.

The apostolic administrator took charge of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa in April 2009 after the retirement of Bishop Tomas A. Camacho became official.

Camacho stepped down as the highest ranking prelate in the CNMI on his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sept. 18, 2008, based on Canon Law that requires a diocesan bishop who reaches that age to offer his resignation to the Holy Father in Rome.

Jimenez said the process of selecting a new bishop is long and begins with the Commonwealth's apostolic delegate in New Zealand.

"He is the pope's representative and he's the one doing all this work of inquiry and background check. He will be the one to let us know if there is a new bishop," he said.

Jimenez noted that the entire Catholic community of the CNMI has been praying for a new bishop, having created the "Prayer for the Election of a New Bishop."

"We ask you Father to be among us during this special time in the life of our church as we pray for a bishop to shepherd us. Send your Holy Spirit that your chosen bishop may continue the work of renewal in the Church and unite our parishes, priests and people in love, truth and wisdom," the pray reads in part.

With the search for a new bishop now on its third year, Jimenez said, the diocese has already stopped asking for updates on the selection process.

"We just have to wait. Hopefully it will happen within this Year of Faith, but we don't know. We need to pray harder," he added.

The Diocese of Chalan Kanoa is composed of 13 parishes: 10 on Saipan, including the Korean Catholic community; one on Tinian; and two on Rota.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Air Force, Marine Corps training on FDM

The U.S. Air Force and U.S. Marine Corps will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Oct. 15, from noon to 8:30pm, and Oct. 17-19, from 10am to 7pm. The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. *(PR)*

### PTSA meeting for all Kagman public schools

All parents and guardians of students who attend the Kagman Elementary School, Cha-Cha Oceanview Junior High School, and Kagman High School are being informed that there will be a joint PTSA meeting at the Kagman High School cafeteria on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, from 6pm to 7pm.

The agenda will include the election of PTSA officers for all Kagman public schools and the selection of school representatives to the Kagman PTSA Committee. For more information, call the KHS Main Office at 664-3780, KES Main Office at 664-3911, or COJHS Main Office at 664-4100. *(PR)*

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# Jury trial of Grandpa Ping for sex abuse begins

## » 2 men arrested on Tinian for alleged sexual abuse of minor

The jury trial of Jose Ilo Santos, a 62-year-old man accused of sexually molesting a then 8-year-old girl, began yesterday in Superior Court.

As this developed, two men were arrested on Tinian and taken to the Saipan Superior Court yesterday for allegedly having sexual relations with a 14-year-old girl who is now pregnant.

Leon Joaquin Sanchez, 31, and Donald Cruz Arriola, 24, were arrested over the weekend on Tinian on charges of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree. Their bail was set at \$25,000 cash each.

The prosecution and the defense counsel gave their open-

ing statements yesterday afternoon in the case of Santos. The prosecution then began calling in witnesses.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom shortly before 5pm, a Commonwealth Health Center doctor was still on the witness stand. The witness was among the two doctors who examined the alleged victim.

Assistant attorneys general James McAllister and Margo Brown are prosecuting the case. Assistant public defender Douglas Hartig is counsel for Santos. Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho is presiding.

The doctor testified that the alleged victim was very fright-

ened and tearful when he examined her. He said he was unable to complete the examination at the time so he called a female doctor in.

The doctor said the other doctor examined the girl in the presence of the child's mother, a social worker, and a sexual assault nurse, and they were able to complete the examination.

The doctor said they determined that the girl had been violated and the results of the urinalysis indicated an infection so they recommended treatment.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Santos, also known as Grandpa Ping, with two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree for allegedly molesting a then 8-year-old girl on April 23, 2011, and May 7, 2011 in Tanapag. Santos

pleaded not guilty.

In the case against Sanchez and Arriola, Tinian police detective Barbara K. Arend stated in her report that a mother had her daughter take a pregnancy test at the Tinian Health Center on Oct. 2, 2012, and that the test showed that the girl is pregnant.

Arend said the girl later told a Division of Youth Services officer that she had sex with two men in the latter part of August this year and that one of them was Arriola.

Arend said that Arriola admitted in a separated interview that he had sex with the girl four times but cannot remember when.

The detective said the girl told the same DYS officer that Sanchez made her pregnant as they had sex since late July 2012. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

# J's Restaurant robbery suspect falls

Police arrested Friday night in Dandan the masked man who allegedly robbed the poker game room of J's Restaurant in Gualo Rai last Oct. 4.

Maximo S.N. Muña, 21, was taken to Superior Court yesterday morning for a bail hearing on charges of robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, theft, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$50,000 cash. Preliminary hearing will be on Oct. 24 at 9am.

Drug Enforcement Task Force detective Dennis M. Reyes stated in his report that Muña's male

companion was the supposed driver of a getaway vehicle.

The companion, however, panicked, Reyes said, when people started screaming and running to the parking lot of J's Restaurant during the robbery.

The companion allegedly drove off from the parking lot without Muña and headed south on Middle Road, where a marked police vehicle later pulled him over.

Reyes said the male companion admitted in a later interview that he and Muña were involved in the J's Restaurant game room robbery.

The companion told police that prior to the robbery, Muña came to his house in Koblerville and they smoked "ice inside the companion's vehicle.

After Muña left the companion walked to the KB Poker and Laundry in Koblerville to play poker until 3am. As he was playing poker, Muña arrived and they proceeded to 888 Poker in Garapan, where Muña allegedly asked his companion if he wants to make money.

Muña allegedly instructed his companion to go to J's Restaurant and park the vehicle near

the DEQ building close to the main road.

Muña allegedly put on a mask, took a machete from inside his pants, and headed toward J's Restaurant. After a few minutes, the companion heard people screaming and running to the parking lot of J's Restaurant.

The companion panicked and left the parking lot of DEQ and headed south on Middle Road, where a police vehicle pulled him over.

Police officer Jason Tarkong said a masked man wearing gray shorts and a green camouflage long-sleeved shirt went inside J's Restaurant at 5:35am on Oct. 4.

The suspect, who was armed with a machete, approached the cashier's counter then proceeded to the cashier's booth.

The robber then grabbed a plastic basket containing over \$120 in coins and ran outside the building.

Tarkong said police officers responded and recovered a plastic container with about \$90 in coins in the parking lot of the restaurant. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## March housing perk for CHC staff out this week

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. will be releasing a portion of the housing allowance that employees have been waiting for since March this year.

Corporation board chair Joaquin Torres confirmed yesterday that affected employees would get a one-month payment of the benefit on Friday.

This applies to employees who were recruited from off-island and amounts to \$800 for those with families and \$600 for single employees.

"This is really good news for all of us. We're hoping the corporation CEO and the board will continue honor their word that they will pay us little by little until we get the full payment," a longtime employee told *Saipan Tribune*.

The corporation is behind in the release of housing benefits mainly due to the lack of funding.

Torres reiterated that the corporation still honors the remaining unpaid obligation and would satisfy the payment once funding is identified. *(Moneth G. Deposa)*

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 16, 2000

### Mayor scores CPA for delay in Rota airport project

Rota Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona on Friday expressed disappointment over what he believes was another unnecessary delay in the construction of the island's airport runway project, which is scheduled to begin in January 2001. "[W]e do not understand CPA's [Commonwealth Ports Authority] rationale in postponing the scheduled construction date for the project. We have advanced the funding to CPA because of the urgency of the project," said Mr. Manglona. In his Sept. 13 letter to CPA Board Chair Roman S. Palacios and Executive Director Carlos H. Salas, the mayor said Rota cannot wait for yet another three months to begin construction of the runway project.

### More availing of US housing assistance

A strong manifestation of hard economic times, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation has reported a significant increase in the number of CNMI families who have availed the Section-8 Housing Assistance Program during the last two years. CNMI Housing Manager Diana P. Crisostimo said more than 200 families throughout the Northern Marianas are now enjoying the benefits of the federally funded Section-8 Program, which provides housing assistance to very low and low-income families. More than 100 families are currently renting units at NMHC-administered subdivisions in Garapan, Mihaville and Koblerville on Saipan, and on Tinian and Rota, Ms. Crisostimo said in an interview.

Oct. 16, 2001

### House seeks passage of youth act

Members of the House of Representatives are awaiting executive action on legislation that would establish an agency tasked to coordinate and organize youth affairs. House leaders are pushing for the signing into law of House Bill 12-322 or the Commonwealth Youth Affairs Act of 2001, envisioned to give birth to the Office of Special Assistant for Youth Affairs under the Governor. The entity will be charged with the responsibility of steering youth-oriented activities in the promotion of youth development.

### Legislators avenge 'death' of dialysis centers

The Tinian and Rota delegation at the Senate will hold hostage all nominations being made by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio until such time that the governor stops blocking the dialysis center projects for the two senatorial districts. As its initial salvo against the administration, Sen. Joaquin G. Adriano said he and his colleagues will block the confirmation of two of the four names that Tenorio nominated to the Board of Regents of the Northern Mariana College. In a retaliatory move meant to be a stinging message to the Executive Branch, Adriano said that Rota and Tinian have agreed to block half of all gubernatorial nominees that Tenorio would send to the Senate for confirmation.

Oct. 16, 2002

### CDA waives over half of CUC's \$106M debt

The Commonwealth Development Authority has agreed to waive more than 50 percent of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's some \$106 million accumulated debt with the lending agency, government officials said. CUC Board Chair Frank Guerrero said this was contained in the utility firm's yet-to-be signed Memorandum of Agreement with CDA. "We have an outstanding amount of some \$106 million. About 50 percent of that will be credited-or waived-in our favor," Guerrero said in an interview. CUC comptroller Rufo Mafnas has also said the total debt would be cut down by "over 50 percent." The CDA had signed the MOA. It is now waiting for CUC to approve it.

### Salas wants HPMR dropped

Saying that the Commonwealth would be better off without a third party administrator to handle government health insurance claims, Rep. Andrew S. Salas has discouraged the Legislature from locating funds that will be used to pay the \$1.4 million overdue medical referral bills reportedly owed to the Hawaii Pacific Medical Referral. This way, Salas hopes the HPMR would voluntarily terminate its contract with the NMI Retirement Fund, as the former had originally planned to do if the government fails to meet the payment deadlines set for Oct. 15 and Nov. 15. "We don't really need a third party administrator on island. As a matter of fact, I'll be happy if they don't renew the contract. If they pull out of their contract and consider it null and void, be my guest," said Salas.

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE GUAM AND CNMI MILITARY RELOCATION (2012 ROADMAP ADJUSTMENTS) AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

The Department of the Navy (Navy) announces its intent to expand the scope of the ongoing Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for a Live-Fire Training Range Complex (LFTRC) on Guam to Support the Guam Military Relocation. The SEIS will evaluate the potential environmental impacts from construction and operation of a LFTRC on Guam and construction and operation of a main cantonment area, including family housing, and associated infrastructure on Guam to support the relocation of a substantially reduced number of Marines than previously analyzed.

The SEIS supplements the Final EIS for the "Guam and CNMI Military Relocation; Relocating Marines from Okinawa, Visiting Aircraft Carrier Berthing, and Army Air and Missile Defense Task Force" dated July 2010. The Record of Decision for the Final EIS was signed on September 20, 2010, and published in the Federal Register on September 30, 2010 (Volume 75, Number 189, Page 60438). The SEIS is being prepared for the limited purpose of supplementing the 2010 Final EIS regarding the establishment of a LFTRC; a main cantonment area, including family housing; and associated infrastructure on Guam.

The Navy will host public open house scoping meetings on Guam to obtain comments on the project scope and identify specific environmental concerns or topics for consideration in the SEIS.

The public is encouraged to attend the open house scoping meetings, which will be held on the following dates, times, and locations:

- Thursday, November 8, 2012, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Bldg. 4175 Gym/Cafeteria (Old McCool School near Southern High School) Route 5 Magazine Road, Santa Rita, Guam;
- Friday, November 9, 2012, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Okkodo High School, Dededo, Guam; and
- Saturday, November 10, 2012, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, University of Guam Field House, Mangilao, Guam.

Informational posters will be displayed and subject matter experts will be available during the open house meetings to discuss the proposed action, to answer questions, and to accept comments from the public.

Written comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings. A Chamorro interpreter will be available. Interested agencies, individuals, and groups unable to attend the open house public scoping meetings are encouraged to submit comments by December 10, 2012, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST). Mailed comments should be postmarked no later than December 10, 2012, ChST to ensure they are considered.

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# CK diocese to mark Calungsod sainthood with youth ministry

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REPORTER

The Diocese of Chalan Kanoa will launch its youth ministry on Oct. 21 to celebrate the canonization of Blessed Pedro Calungsod, the second Filipino to become a saint.

Rev. Fr. Ryan P. Jimenez, apostolic administrator for the diocese, said in an interview that they decided to focus the celebration on Blessed Pedro Calungsod being a young missionary instead of his ethnic background to share an important message to the young Catholic faithful in the CNMI.

"He is not just a saint for Filipinos because any saint is truly a model for all of us regardless of ethnic backgrounds. We focus more on him being a youth who had zeal and was martyred. Hopefully, his simple life story will inspire our young people," said Jimenez.

A native of the Visayas region in the Philippines, Blessed Pedro Calungsod was a young Roman Catholic sacristan and catechist who suffered religious persecution and martyrdom with Jesuit priest Diego Luis San Vitores during their missionary work in Guam.

Almost 18 years since the

process for his canonization was initiated in Nov. 15, 1994, Blessed Pedro Calungsod, along with six other blessed individuals, will be canonized this Sunday by Pope Benedict XVI

at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Jimenez said the youth committee of the diocese plans to have a motorcade from three various points on island—Kris-to Rai, San Jose, and San Anto-

nio—before coming together at the Cathedral for the 6pm youth Mass to culminate the celebration.

The canonization also coincides with World Mission Sun-

day, a day celebrated by Catholics throughout the world every next-to-last Sunday in October to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice.

## 18-year-old- Cook Islander wins Pacific Break songwriting contest



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Eighteen-year-old Cook Islander Jaik Berg is this year's winner of Radio Australia's Pacific Break 2012 with his standout song *My Oh My*.

**MELBOURNE**—Cook Islander Jaik Berg is this year's winner of Radio Australia's Pacific Break 2012 with his standout song *My Oh My*.

Competition was fierce with many outstanding entries as diverse and exciting as the Pacific Island nations they came from. However, it was ultimately Berg's soulful voice, catchy tune, and laidback vibe that managed to receive the judge's unified agreement as this year's best.

Other highly rated entries included Vanuatu's Benny & the Gang with their island reggae song *Political System*, the socially aware hip hop track *Never Give Up* by Bwenaman from Kiribati and Fiji's Jordeena Punja with her soulful ballad *Insecurities*.

The judging panel for Pacific Break 2012 "remastered" included Damon Hughes from Triple J Unearthed, Basil Cook from ABC Music, Melbourne-based musician Airi Ingram, Jess Moretti from the Australasian World Music Expo and Namila Benson, Melbourne based TV/radio presenter and Pacific music identity "Sista Selekt."

"Jaik Berg's track *My Oh My* just showcased such raw talent in both voice and mu-

sicianship we couldn't go past it. It caught everyone's ears from the first moment," said Hughes.

"This is great for Cook Islands music and it's great for Jaik...Your music is going to go places," said local Pacific Break partner George "G-Dub" Williams who encouraged Berg to submit his entry in this year's competition.

"I'll contribute my best... and definitely try and open up and take everything way further," said Berg after learning he was chosen as this year's Pacific Break winner.

Selected ahead of approximately 100 entries from across the Pacific, the next step in the journey for this 18-year-old solo artist from the Cook Islands will be flying to Australia for a recording session at the ABC studios and to attend the Australasian World Music Expo in Melbourne.

While the experience is just beginning for Berg, a selection of this year's entries will be included on the Pacific Break 2012 compilation CD, which will be released in early 2013.

Listen to all the Pacific Break 2012 songs: [www.radioaustralia.net.au/pacific-break](http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/pacific-break). (PR)

## Rose Dance School marks third anniversary



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Rose Dance School instructors, students, and supporters pose for a group photo during their 3rd anniversary celebration at the Saipan World Resort on Oct. 6.

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One of the owners of Rose Dance School emphasized the importance of ballroom dancing during the dance studio's third anniversary program last Oct. 6.

Carol Wong-Chan said that ballroom dancing results in good health, whether one considers it a passion or a hobby.

"Because we're sweating while we move, we are already doing exercise while we enjoy dancing at the same time," she said.

Over 50 students and supporters joined the Rose Dance School anniversary celebration held at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

Highlighting the event were production numbers featuring

swing, cha-cha, samba, tango, waltz, and other ballroom dances by both instructors and their apprentices.

"I am encouraging all of you to invite your family, friends, relatives, co-workers, and even your neighbors to join us to promote an exercise that everybody enjoys. See you on our next anniversary show," Wong-Chan told her audience.

Wong-Chan also expressed her appreciation to all the full- and part-time instructors at Rose Dance School and the committee that made the event successful.

Rose Dance School is located on the second floor of Canton Restaurant in Garapan. They offer group and individual dance classes. For more information, call 789-7888 or 234-7236.



Eight team members of the 254th FSS returned home Friday after completing their deployment to the Southwest region in support of OEF.  
CPT KEN OLA

## Guard airmen return from deployment

Eight members of the 254th Force Support Squadron of the Guam Air National Guard returned late last night following a three-month long deployment to the Southwest region in sup-

port of Operation Enduring Freedom.

There were nine airmen in this second team that deployed, but one returned a few days earlier. They were assigned to

the Transit Center at Manas, Kyrzyg Republic.

Their mission involved providing a wide range of services functions to include food service, lodging, mortuary affairs, fitness, recreation, field exchange, and other support programs.

Another team from the same Guam Air Guard unit returned last week from another Southwest mission. Some 90 members of the 254th Red Horse squadron also returned home Wednesday morning from their deployment in Afghanistan. (PR)



# Opinion

Hafa Adai!

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### EDITORIAL

## Celebrating a Pakistani girl's courage

Last week's Taliban attack on 14-year-old Malala Yousafzai in Pakistan should serve as a stark reminder of what's at stake in the international fight against deranged radicals vying for power under the guise of Islamic piety. This courageous girl stood up to Taliban intimidation. She defied their commands to be silent and, instead, pressed the right of all girls to be educated and pursue their dreams.

She stood her ground. So they shot her in the head.

The world must never forget the ugly face of Taliban rule. In the years before the October 2001 U.S.-led invasion of neighboring Afghanistan, the Taliban imposed a total ban on music and television. Even kite-flying was forbidden. Women could not appear in public without being covered from head to toe.

While in public, their view of the outside world was always obscured by the mesh of a head-to-toe burqa. Women could not be in public without a male-relative escort. In rape cases, the Taliban response was to execute the victim for adultery. Women were banned from working and girls from attending school.

Even at her young age, Malala fully understood the implications for her freedom and future as the Taliban infiltrated her region of Pakistan. At age 11, she launched a blog under a pseudonym and publicized Taliban efforts to shut down girls' private schools. Her work won prizes and recognition, including from top U.S. officials and the prime minister of Pakistan, Yousaf Raza Gilani.

The attention and accolades angered the Pakistani Taliban. Instead of rethinking their twisted interpretation of Islam—which runs contrary to the teachings of the prophet Muhammad—the Taliban sought to silence Malala's voice of criticism. They threatened her and her father. Finally, gunmen boarded her school bus, singled out Malala and opened fire.

Malala has survived and appears to be recovering from surgery to remove a bullet that had remained lodged in her body. Her condition is critical, but she has a good chance of survival. The Taliban's response? If she lives, they'll try to kill her again.

After launching the war in Afghanistan almost exactly 11 years ago, U.S. forces swiftly routed the Taliban and turned their attention to the al-Qaeda instigators of the 9/11 attacks. With al-Qaida now almost eradicated in Afghanistan and U.S. troop casualties rising amid a Taliban resurgence, many Americans ask why we still need to be engaged there or in Pakistan.

Malala Yousafzai is why. Her courage in confronting the Taliban speaks volumes about a less-celebrated, ongoing local effort to halt a descent back into the dark ages. U.S. troops can fend off the Taliban militarily, but Malala represents the equally crucial grass-roots movement that must be encouraged if the Taliban's campaign of oppression is to be defeated.

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## D.I. Joe

The GOP called it a draw. They shall be forgiven the indiscretion. The rashness that Romney and Ryan get in firing from the hip without taking aim has left the impression that they play fast with facts. Image of reality gets distorted as a consequence.

We shall not reiterate the 10 questionable facts that members of the press held Mitt Romney accountable for after the first of the presidential debates. Google it if you did not notice it before.

It is the Thursday VP Joe Biden-Paul Ryan debate that is our focus. We still refuse to join the win-lose assessment game. Debates are not gladiatorial combats. Biden turned on the wisdom of experience and called out anything Ryan claimed, whether it is on Obamacare, taxes, and Social Security. He was specific, as Obama was professorially abstract a week ago that allowed Romney to romp off with jaded pronouncements.

Biden excelled in the gentlemanly art of discourse. He was lively and smart, amiable and sharp, without being mercilessly cutting and critically abrasive. Nor was he wild and woolly. He made it clear that the difference in approach is more than just the dichotomized GOP "you are on your own, but you can be creative" stance, against the Democrat's "we are in this together and yes, we care" compassionate conscience. It is the whole structure and style of governance that divides the political parties.

Ryan came through with mostly GOP anti-federal operation rhetoric. On my visit to Hawaii early this year, I noticed a lot of GOP votes are anti-Obama in sentiment and anti-federal government in rhetoric. I have yet to encounter a real pro-Romney/Ryan voter. What is abundant is fearful animosity against the personhood of Obama from the birthers to the religious bigots (read, anti-Muslim).

We shall not belabor the Obama personal factor. Suffice it to reiterate what we noted earlier: that in the evolution of the American political journey, to elect Obama president in 2008 was a big leap forward, a jolt of electrical energy that we had hoped was to catapult forward a nation diverse and united, barreling down history lane where no nation had gone before. Our hopes were too high. The one big leap forward triggered two equal sized steps backward, of racial one-upmanship and religious intolerance.

We note the anti-centralized bias that is often repeated in the claim that government has become too big, as if that by itself is an argument against the federal oversight in our lives.

We might rehearse the historical atmosphere that birthed our nation. The original 13 colonies were susceptible to being subverted one by one in its weak confederation. Britain gained ground north of the 48th parallel, defeating the French and waging war against the U.S. in early 1800. The French were going through the turmoil of *liberte, egalite, fraternite*, before it succumbed to the temptation of imposed order, Napoleon style. A century after independence from Britain, the American Civil War found France siding with the

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Confederacy. Spain was still a formidable vulture ready to pounce on the unwary. Liberal sentiments did not visit the Cortez until the second half of the 1800s.

The Federal Union was not an argument against local autonomy and individual initiative. It was a defensive necessity to ward off any political aspiration of existing empires from the outside against the States.

The Union of States federated to protect itself from the outside and maintain intranational stability within. The industrialized North won over agrarian South. To sustain the union, it diverted attention westward. No time to scratch the itchy scars of defeat, or gloat over the uneasy victory of emancipated farmhands of the south flocking north; the nation kept moving. There was enough real estate westward-ho to corral.

Federal troops decimated helpless Native Americans, along with buffaloes that got on the way. When rail tracks needed to be laid across the continent, the western side shanghaied Asian help. The new farmlands of the west, and its mineral resources, brought Japanese (and Koreans), and more Filipinos, to the Pacific shores. When the Atlantic coast felt threatened, the nation institutionalized Immigration Service, along with the fear of the yellow peril.

The nation kept expanding. Napoleon sold Louisiana. Santa Ana said "No" to the Alamo, and paid dearly for it. Illegal immigrants populated the land east of the Pecos. We bought Alaska from Russia, trounced Hawaii's sovereignty, and colonized the Philippines and Guam, creating little brown Americans.

The defense of the nation, and regulating its internal life, needed a government beyond the States. The economic crash of '29 finessed the argument. Intra-national systems of banking and finance, transportation and trade, commerce and communication, required the regulatory function of the federal government. It is lingering fear, present at the creation, that the feds would take over the affairs of our lives. It is fear, but it still bedevils our national hearts.

The question has never really been the size of the federal government, as is its function and role. That might still be the question of the hour. And, yes, every Joe and Joanna might just realize that they have the power to help define it.

See you at the town meeting!



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## Gangnam style? Not in N. Korea

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By now, “Gangnam Style” has become part of the pop culture lexicon. The infectious song by South Korean singer Psy broke the Guinness world record for “most likes” on YouTube. The video has been watched nearly 425 million times and has inspired flash mobs and parodies by lifeguards, Ivy leaguers and hot moms.

If you haven’t heard of “Gangnam Style,” you’ve probably spent the last month orbiting in outer space.

Or perhaps you live above the 38th parallel, in North Korea.

North Korea is as isolated and backward as South Korea is wired and technologically advanced. And while some ruling elites in Pyongyang are certainly aware of “Gangnam Style”—we know this because of a parody video posted on the North’s official website featuring an image of South Korean presidential candidate Park Geun-hye doing Psy’s signature horse dance—the regime prohibits ordinary North Koreans from having access to the Internet.

The average citizen has no knowledge of YouTube, Facebook or Twitter.

It’s safe to say that North Korea’s notorious propaganda machine would never willingly let its impoverished population see the original “Gangnam Style” video, which parodies the riches and excess enjoyed in Seoul’s trendy Gangnam neighborhood.

Three years ago, I got a unique glimpse of the so-called Hermit Kingdom after I was taken prisoner by North Korean soldiers along the Chinese-North Korean border while working on a documentary. The North was like no place I’d ever been. In contrast to the frenzy of the South, life there was slow and antiquated, a land frozen in a Cold War time warp.

All media in North Korea are tightly controlled by the country’s propaganda network. I was able to watch television with my guards on certain evenings, and as far as I could tell, the closest thing the North Koreans had to a pop sensation was a group of handsome sing-

ers from the military choir who belted out old-fashioned love songs and patriotic anthems. My female guards would swoon at the sight of these acoustic-guitar-playing performers dressed in army garb.

But my guards were not totally unaware of outside pop culture. One had been given Hollywood screenplays in college to help improve her English language skills. It was disconcerting to hear her reciting lines from the Adam Sandler flick “Big Daddy.” U.S. culture was clearly seeping into North Korea, but it was hard to fathom what effect it was having.

Since North Korea’s new leader, Kim Jong Un, took power after his father’s death in December 2011, there has been much speculation about what kind of regime he will lead. Will the Western-educated Kim move to modernize his country and open it up to the outside world? Or will he take a hard-line, military-first approach to governance like his father?

Kim presents himself as a younger, more huggable version of his beloved grandfather, Kim Il Sung, and there is some indication he’s interested in change. He has reportedly increased the flow of workers and officials to neighboring China, both to bring in cash for the strained regime and to study Chinese-style capitalism.

But in the end, it may not be entirely up to Kim when and how his country modernizes. Despite the culture of fear that permeates North Korean society, food shortages and the Gulag-style prison camps that hold an estimated 150,000 to 200,000 political prisoners, there are signs that the government is losing its iron grip.

Some televisions in the border region, for example, are now able to pick up programming from neighboring China, providing some North Koreans access to news from outside the country. USB drives, MP3 players and DVDs are regularly smuggled across the border, and surveys of people who manage to sneak across the border into China each year suggest that around half of them had watched a foreign DVD while living in North Korea.

Smuggled Chinese smartphones have allowed people in the border regions surreptitious access to the Internet, and the phones have also allowed many North Koreans to learn about what’s happening

in the outside world by speaking with their relatives in South Korea.

Illegal marketplaces, where individual traders squat on dusty street corners to peddle cigarettes, socks, vegetables and anything else they can get, have been instrumental in fueling not only a shadow economy but in creating a new way for people to share information and network. Migrant workers and traders, who cross to China and back, return not only with goods but with knowledge of the outside world.

Many officials are bribed to turn a blind eye to the markets. But even without the payoffs, it would be difficult for the regime to crack down on enterprises that are supplying people with necessities the government cannot. The black market has allowed many to break away from their reliance on the regime.

“The change signals emerging since Kim Jong Un took over can only be fully understood by taking into account the bottom-up pressures,” said Sokeel Park, director of research and strategy for the group Liberty in North Korea. Kim, he said, will have to find a way “to adapt to these changes if he wants to have a long-term career as leader.”

North Koreans won’t be living in Gangnam style any time soon. But the more they can break through the government’s information blockade and learn about life outside the Hermit Kingdom, the more the regime will have to adapt and change.

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## Seniors, got teeth?

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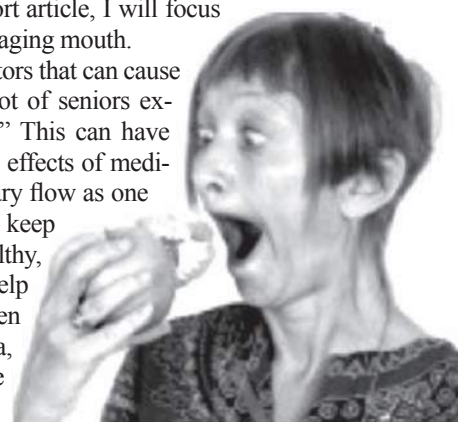
Did you know that almost 40 percent of adults in Europe, the U.S., and Japan suffer from a significant loss of natural teeth? And, 26 percent of seniors over the age of 65 are completely edentulous, meaning they have no teeth at all. In this short article, I will focus on how to care for an aging mouth.

There are many factors that can cause seniors oral pain. A lot of seniors experience “dry mouth.” This can have many causes like side effects of medication and poor salivary flow as one ages. Saliva helps to keep one’s mouth at a healthy, neutral pH so as to help prevent cavities. When there is a lack of saliva, cavities can form quite quickly especially on exposed root surfaces where gums have receded. How can one prevent “dry mouth”? Well, seniors can suck on a sugar-free mint. They can carry a bottle of water around with them and drink often. They can use a professional product called Biotene, a special mouth rinse that combats dry mouth.

Cavities on the root surfaces can be prevented by professional fluoride treatments, fluoride trays, and toothpastes. And one can’t overlook excellent oral hygiene to keep cavities away. If seniors have difficulty brushing their teeth, a caretaker can thoroughly clean their teeth for them. Or if the senior is suffering from arthritis they can insert the brush handle into a rubber ball. Electric toothbrushes have also been shown in numerous studies to be highly effective in removing plaque. Dental floss holders are also available.

Let’s talk about denture care. Dentures should be brushed daily with a soft toothbrush or special denture brush. Brushing can remove plaque and prevent staining. Dentures should be comfortable to wear. If a senior is experiencing sore spots underneath their denture, they should see their dentist to make an adjustment. One should take out their dentures at night and immerse them in clean water because the oral tissues need a break from the denture. It’s also very important to take out your dentures after each meal, rinse out remaining food from your mouth, rinse the dentures, and place them back in your mouth. Also remember to eat nutritious foods.

By following these steps seniors can help fight dry mouth, cavities, and properly care for their dentures. An edentulous mouth can be a happy mouth!



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Failure to deliver

It’s almost 30 days since Public Law 17-82 became a law and the funds have yet to be released since Retirement Fund members applied to withdraw their contributions. Why? Could it be that they’re waiting for a miracle? Or is the Fund’s administrator simply not capable in meeting the task on time?

The least they can do is put together all the records of the contributions and start sending it out to members for viewing, rather than addressing another agenda that might conflict with the application for withdrawal, roll over, and the processing of the application.

The option for applying for another retirement plan should not be mixed with the processing of the application. They should let the applicants decide on that.

Delaying the processing for another 15 days would cause the Fund another issue of not meeting the deadline. When PL 17-82 was signed into law, it says you have 15 days to apply for withdrawal. The laws says the Fund will pay you 25 percent of the amount within 30 days and the rest 90 days after.

Now they say no need to rush? Why? The laws set the deadline and choosing the option for another plan is up to you, and there is no deadline for this. So why are they waiting for applicants to decide when there is a deadline for the withdrawal release?

Please get your acts together and finish one job first before you start with another. Are you aware that the trust issue here is gone? Members, if you reading this, you should complain. It is sad enough that we don’t have that many options. Again, they are trying to hold back your application. Since they are very strict with deadlines, then I think you should, too.

Giving you the time to choose should your be call, not theirs. I think since they are not going to pay for the employer’s contribution, the applicant should start charging interest after the deadline so that they will take you seriously.

So think about it, it’s time you stand up for your rights.

Winnie Atalig  
San Jose, Tinian

## Rock the vote!

As we approach Election Day, I ask our youth—those eligible to vote—to please exercise your right to vote. I cannot stress the importance of making your vote count. Let us think of our future and elect those that CAN and WILL do the job and WILL represent us well.

For the past three years, we’ve heard talks about “what ifs” and “if only” over and over again. We talk about who and when the job gets done. We bicker and complain about how the job gets done and how “politricks” works in the kinks. This time, let’s be smart about who we elect. This time, let’s choose someone who has the drive, the determination, the motivation, the smarts, and the passion to lead and represent our community. This time, let’s not think of the familial relations, the bribery, the pressure from family members, or the political affiliations. This time, after enduring three years of hardships, is our time to determine our future and the future of our beloved Commonwealth.

As a former youth senator and youth speaker, a community member, and a voter, I urge the youth to take a stand and speak up. Raise your voices, stomp your feet, march the halls, do something...let your vote count, and your voice be heard. It’s our future, it’s our Marianas, and it’s our home. Let us be reminded of the pledge or *prinimeti* we recite proudly and with affirmation to “protehi yan difendi I hinegge, I kottura, I lengguahi, I aire, I hanom yan I tano ni irensia-ku ginen as yu’us tata para todū I hinerasion.”

It’s time that the generations of tomorrow take a stance and vote. It’s time to take our place in our islands. Reach out and tell a friend about the importance of voting. Text them, spread it on Twitter, Facebook, KIK them, send them a picture on Instagram, email them, call them, take them with you to the polls, it doesn’t matter how you get them there, just remind them that it’s for us; it’s for our future. Every vote counts! Let’s ROCK THE VOTE!






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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 79
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 81

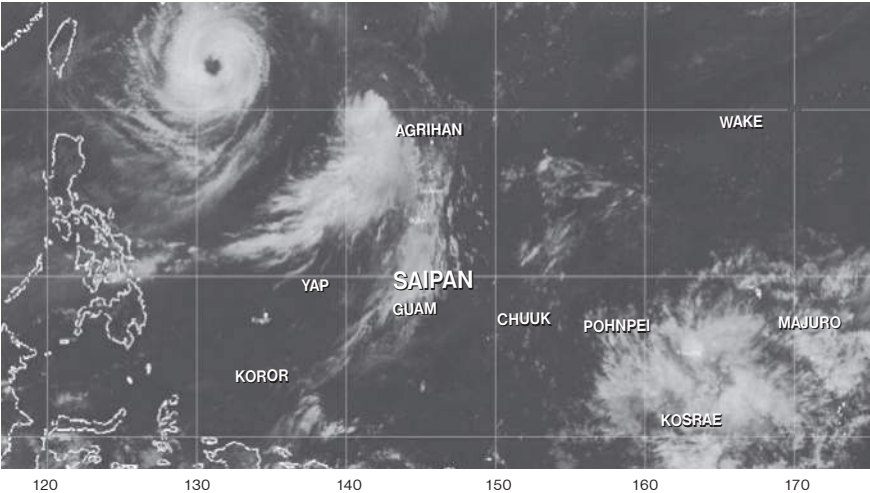
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 56
Beijing	Showers	▲ 67 ▼ 41
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 58 ▼ 47
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 63
Manila	Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 76
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 70 ▼ 47
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 72
New York	Showers	▲ 70 ▼ 49
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲ 78 ▼ 63
Paris	Showers	▲ 55 ▼ 46
Pusan	Windy	▲ 73 ▼ 59
Rome	Showers	▲ 66 ▼ 58
Salem	Rain	▲ 65 ▼ 56
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 61
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 73 ▼ 59
Tokyo	Sunny	▲ 70 ▼ 58
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 69 ▼ 50

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
2:46 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
9:12 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
3:06 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
8:34 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Maria (23W) is centered 290 miles west-northwest of Pagan near 20N142E. Maria is moving north-northwest at 10 mph with maximum sustained winds of 60 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found west of the Marianas and extend south and southwest of Maria within 130 miles of a line from 21N142E to 16N142E to 12N134E. For more information on Tropical Storm Maria, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and National Weather Service advisories issued under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. Typhoon Prapiroon (22W) is centered 340 miles southeast of Okinawa at 23N131E. Prapiroon is moving south-southwest at 3 mph with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 250 miles of the center. For more information on Typhoon Prapiroon, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and National Weather Service advisories issued under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Wednesday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Thursday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Friday	6:10 AM	5:54 PM
Saturday	6:10 AM	5:54 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:33 AM	6:27 PM
Wednesday	7:36 AM	7:23 PM
Thursday	8:40 AM	8:21 PM
Friday	9:43 AM	9:22 PM
Saturday	10:43 AM	10:23 PM

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DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS					
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)						ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)					
UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 3, 5			UA5062	3:45am	5:40am	1, 3, 5		
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)					
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5			UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5		
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)						GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN					
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7			UA5062	2:40am	4:20am	1, 3, 5 via ROP		
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5			UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7		
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily			UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily		
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7			UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily		
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily			UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily			UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily		
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily			UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily			DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily		
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily			DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1			OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily		
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily			OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)						PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)					
UZ608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7			OZ607	9:25pm	2:20am+1	3, 6		
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN					
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6			3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7			3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN			DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT		
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM		
						UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM		
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM			OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT			OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM			PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau								
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN			UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau		
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM			UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM		
						UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM		
						OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN		
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)						HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN					
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN			OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN		
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7		
						OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:40pm	1, 5 via GUM			UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM		
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN								
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana						ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The <i>Saipan Tribune</i> is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)					

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



# Business

## Expect small '13 Social Security benefit increase

WASHINGTON (AP)—Social Security recipients shouldn't expect a big increase in monthly benefits come January.

Preliminary figures show the annual benefit boost will be between 1 percent and 2 percent, which would be among the lowest since automatic adjustments were adopted in 1975. Monthly benefits for retired workers now average \$1,237, meaning the typical retiree can expect a raise of between \$12 and \$24 a month.

The size of the increase will be made official Tuesday, when the government releases inflation figures for September. The announcement is unlikely to please a big group of voters—56 million people get benefits—just three weeks before elections for president and Congress.

The cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, is tied to a government measure of inflation adopted by Congress in the 1970s. It shows that consumer prices have gone up by less than 2 percent in the past year.

"Basically, for the past 12 months, prices did not go up as rapidly as they did the year

before," said Polina Vlasenko, an economist at the American Institute for Economic Research, based in Great Barrington, Mass.

This year, Social Security recipients received a 3.6 percent increase in benefits after getting no increase the previous two years.

Some of next year's raise could be wiped out by higher Medicare premiums, which are deducted from Social Security payments. The Medicare Part B premium, which covers doctor visits, is expected to rise by about \$7 per month for 2013, according to government projections.

The premium is currently \$99.90 a month for most seniors. Medicare is expected to announce the premium for 2013 in the coming weeks.

"The COLA continues to be very critical to people in keeping them from falling behind," said David Certner, AARP's legislative policy director. "We certainly heard in those couple of years when there was no COLA at all how important it was."

How important is the COLA?

From 2001 to 2011, household incomes in the U.S. dropped for every age group except one: those 65 and older.

The median income for all U.S. households fell by 6.6 percent, when inflation was taken into account, according to census data. But the median income for households headed by someone 65 or older rose by 13 percent.

"That's all because of Social Security," Certner said. "Social Security has the COLA and that's what's keeping seniors above water, as opposed to everybody else who's struggling in this economy."

Seniors still, on average, have lower incomes than younger adults. Most older Americans rely on Social Security for a majority of their income, according to the Social Security Administration.

"It's useful to bear in mind that no other group in the economy gets an automatic cost-of-living increase in their income," said David Blau, an economist at The Ohio State University. "Seniors are the only group."

## China's inflation eases, giving room for stimulus

BEIJING (AP)—China's inflation eased further in September, giving the government more room to stimulate the country's slowing economy.

Consumer inflation fell to 1.9 percent from August's 2 percent rate, data showed Monday. Politically sensitive food prices rose 2.5 percent, down from the previous month's 3.4 percent.

The decline gives Beijing more room to cut interest rates or boost spending to reverse the country's deepest slowdown since the 2008 global crisis.

"There's no argument about it, the economy is yet to stabilize," said IHS Global Insight economist Alistair Thornton in a report.

"Fears surrounding the inflationary impact of monetary loosening on consumer prices are misplaced - the onus remains on growth stabilization."

Producer prices contracted 3.6 percent compared with a

year earlier, a striking sign of slack demand despite two interest rate cuts since the start of June and higher government spending on building airports and other public works.

Chinese leaders have been moving cautiously in response to the slowdown after their huge stimulus in 2008 ignited inflation and a wasteful building boom. Economic growth fell to a three-year low of 7.6 percent in the quarter ending in June and officials including President Hu Jintao have warned it may decline further before recovering.

Analysts expect growth to decline further to about 7.3 percent when the latest quarter's figures are reported this week. Last week, the World Bank cut its annual growth forecast for China to 7.7 percent from its May outlook of 8.2 percent.

Forecasters expect a recovery to start late this year or in early

2013 but say it likely will be too weak to drive global demand without improvement in the United States and Europe.

Trade data released Saturday showed Chinese imports revived slightly from the previous month's contraction but grew by only 2.4 percent, suggesting a recovery has yet to take hold.

The slowdown is due partly to government curbs imposed to cool an overheated economy. Chinese leaders are trying to make their economy more efficient and resilient by reducing reliance on imports and investment and promoting domestic consumption and technology-based industries, but domestic consumption is growing slowly.

"There is little convincing evidence that spending growth is doing anything better than standing still," said Mark Williams and Qinwei Wang of Capital Economics in a report.

## Report: Sprint reaches deal with Japan's Softbank

WASHINGTON (AP)—Japanese mobile phone company Softbank has agreed to buy 70 percent of Sprint Nextel Corp. for \$20 billion, according to a news report.

The deal is expected to be announced Monday, according to CNBC's web site, which cited anonymous sources "close to the situation."

The transaction could make Sprint, the third-largest U.S. mobile phone company, a tougher competitor against its bigger rivals, Verizon Wireless and AT&T. Sprint has 56 million subscribers, about half the amount of Verizon

Wireless, the leading U.S. mobile phone company.

Softbank will buy \$8 billion in shares from Sprint and another \$12 billion from current Sprint shareholders, the CNBC report said. Softbank will offer \$7.30 a share, CNBC said, about 27 percent above Friday's closing price of \$5.73.

John Taylor, a spokesman for Sprint, declined to comment beyond the company's statement last week confirming that it was in talks with Softbank.

Word of the talks pushed up Sprint's stock more than 14 percent on Thursday.

Sprint has struggled in recent years to compete with Verizon and AT&T. The company has \$21 billion in long-term debt, and has launched a costly network restructuring and signed a long-term contract to buy \$15.5 billion worth of iPhones from Apple over four years.

Tokyo-based Softbank, once the underdog in Japan's telecom industry, has seen its fortunes improve since it started selling the iPhone in 2008. It was initially the only Japanese phone company to offer it. Rival KDDI Corp. started selling the iPhone late last year.

# Nation

## Skydiver breaks sound barrier in record jump

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP)—In a giant leap from more than 24 miles up, a daredevil skydiver shattered the sound barrier Sunday while making the highest jump ever—a tumbling, death-defying plunge from a balloon to a safe landing in the New Mexico desert.

Felix Baumgartner hit Mach 1.24, or 833.9 mph, according to preliminary data, and became the first person to reach supersonic speed without traveling in a jet or a spacecraft after hopping out of a capsule that had reached an altitude of 128,100 feet above the Earth.

Landing on his feet in the desert, the man known as "Fearless Felix" lifted his arms in victory to the cheers of jubilant friends and spectators who closely followed his descent in a live television feed at the command center.

"When I was standing there on top of the world, you become so humble, you do not think about breaking records anymore, you do not think about gaining scientific data," he said after the jump. "The only thing you want is to come back alive."

A worldwide audience watched live on the Internet via cameras mounted on his capsule as Baumgartner, wearing a pressurized suit, stood in the doorway of his pod, gave a thumbs-up and leapt into the stratosphere.

"Sometimes we have to get really high to see how small we



AP

In this photo provided by Red Bull Stratos, Pilot Felix Baumgartner of Austria celebrates after successfully completing the final manned flight for Red Bull Stratos in Roswell, N.M., Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012.

are," an exuberant Baumgartner told reporters outside mission control after the jump.

Baumgartner's descent lasted just over nine minutes, about half of it in a free fall of 119,846 feet, according to Brian Utley, a jump observer from the FAI, an international group that works to determine and maintain the integrity of aviation records. He said the speed calculations were preliminary figures.

During the first part of Baumgartner's free fall, anxious onlookers at the command center held their breath as he appeared to spin uncontrollably.

"When I was spinning first 10, 20 seconds, I never thought I was going to lose my life but I was disappointed because

I'm going to lose my record. I put seven years of my life into this," he said.

He added: "In that situation, when you spin around, it's like hell and you don't know if you can get out of that spin or not. Of course it was terrifying. I was fighting all the way down because I knew that there must be a moment where I can handle it."

Baumgartner said traveling faster than sound is "hard to describe because you don't feel it." The pressurized suit prevented him from feeling the rushing air or even the loud noise he made when breaking the sound barrier.

With no reference points, "you don't know how fast you travel," he said.

## Debate preparation trumps 2012 campaigning Sunday

BURLINGTON, Mass. (AP)—As Mitt Romney's campaign claimed new momentum in the race for the White House, President Barack Obama's political advisers on Sunday promised the incumbent would unleash his more aggressive side in Tuesday's debate to prevent their Republican rival from delivering another "magical and theatrical performance."

Obama and Romney hunkered down in private de-

bate preparation for much of the day as aides offered a pre-debate sparring match on television.

They disagreed on much, but agreed that Romney bested Obama in their first meeting nearly two weeks ago—a performance that shifted the direction of a race that had favored the president but has since tightened in national and battleground state polls.

"He knows Mitt Romney had a better night at the first

debate," Obama spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki said of the president. "The American people should expect to see a much more energized President Obama."

Ed Gillespie, senior adviser to the Romney campaign, quipped that the former Massachusetts governor would be prepared regardless of Obama's adjustments: "The president can change his style. He can change his tactics. He can't change his record."

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Endeavour finally reaches permanent LA museum home

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It was supposed to be a slow but smooth journey to retirement, a parade through city streets for a shuttle that logged millions of miles in space. But Endeavour's final mission turned out to be a logistical headache that delayed its arrival to its museum resting place by about 17 hours. After a 12-mile weave past trees and utility poles that included thousands of adoring onlookers, flashing cameras and even the filming of a TV commercial, Endeavour arrived at the California Science Center Sunday to a greeting party of city leaders and other dignitaries that had expected it many hours earlier.

#### Bad joke prompts Alaska airport evacuation

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—The main terminal of Anchorage's largest airport was evacuated Sunday after a man made comments about a bomb, which he later said were meant to be taken as a joke. Police at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport took the matter seriously and arrested Peter Friesema on charges of making terroristic threats and disorderly conduct. Friesema was jailed at the Anchorage Correctional Complex with bail set at \$5,000, airport manager John Parrott said by email. The incident began shortly after midnight. A man checking in for an Alaska Airlines flight "made a statement about a bomb in a bag," Parrott told the *Anchorage Daily News*.



# Asia

## Cambodia's former King Norodom Sihanouk dies at 89

**PHNOM PENH, Cambodia** (AP)—Norodom Sihanouk, the revered former king who was a towering figure in Cambodian politics through a half-century of war, genocide and upheaval, died Monday. He was 89.

Sihanouk abdicated the throne in 2004, citing his poor health. He had been getting medical treatment in China since January and had suffered a variety of illnesses, including colon cancer, diabetes and hypertension.

Prince Sisowath Thomico, a royal family member who also was Sihanouk's assistant, said the former king suffered a heart attack at a Beijing hospital.

"His death was a great loss to Cambodia," Thomico said, adding that Sihanouk had dedicated his life "for the sake of his entire nation, country and for the Cambodian people."

Sihanouk's successor, Norodom Sihamoni, flew with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen to Beijing on Monday to retrieve the body, said Col. Chhay Bunna, a senior police officer in charge of security at Phnom Penh's international airport.

State flags flew at half-staff, and Cambodian government spokesman Khieu Kanharith said an official funeral will be held once the former king's body is repatriated.

In January, Sihanouk requested that he be cremated in the Cambodian and Buddhist tradition, asking that his ashes be put in an urn, preferably made of gold, and placed in a stupa at the country's Royal Palace.

Sihanouk saw Cambodia transform from colony to kingdom, U.S.-backed regime to Khmer Rouge killing field and foreign-occupied land to guerrilla war zone—and finally to a fragile experiment with democracy.

He was a feudal-style monarch who called himself a democrat. He was beloved by his people but was seldom able to deliver the stability they craved through decades of violence.

Born on Oct. 31, 1922, Sihanouk enjoyed a pampered childhood in French colonial Indochina.

In 1941, the French crowned 19-year-old Sihanouk rather than relatives closer in line to the throne, thinking the pudgy, giggling prince would be easy to control. They were the first of many to underestimate him, and by 1953 the French were out.

Two years later, Sihanouk stepped down from the throne, organized a mass political party and steered Cambodia toward uneasy neutrality at the height of the Cold War.

Sihanouk accepted limited U.S. aid and nurtured relations with Communist China. He was also a founder of the Non-Aligned Movement.



AP  
In this July 17, 2001 file photo, Cambodia's King Norodom Sihanouk acknowledges the crowd while walking to greet North Korea's national assembly leader Kim Yong Nam at Phnom Penh airport, in Cambodia.

Sihanouk was a ruthless politician, talented dilettante and tireless playboy, caught up in endless, almost childlike enthusiasms.

He made movies, painted, composed music, fielded a palace soccer team and led his own jazz band. His large appetite extended to fast cars, food and women. He married at least five times—some say six—and fathered 14 children.

After 1960, Sihanouk drifted toward the communist camp, seeking assurances from his powerful neighbors, China and Vietnam, that his country's neutrality would be respected.

In 1965, Sihanouk broke off relations with Washington as U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War shifted into high gear. But by 1969, worried about increasing Vietnamese communist use of Cambodian soil, he made new overtures to the United States and turned against China.

Sihanouk's top priority was to keep Cambodia out of the war, but he could not. U.S. aircraft bombed Vietnamese communist sanctuaries in Cambodia with increasing regularity, and his protests were ignored.

Internally, Cambodia was a one-man show. Sihanouk's sharpest critics accused him of running a medieval state as an ancient Khmer ruler reincarnated in Western dress.

"I am Sihanouk," he once said, "and all Cambodians are my children."

Nonetheless, the country was

at relative peace and some attempts were made to better the life of the peasants, who adored Sihanouk as a near-deity.

Outsiders saw a country of shimmering temples and emerald green rice fields that seemed a chapter from an Oriental fairy tale. But that face of Cambodia would soon vanish.

In 1970, a U.S.-backed coup sent the prince to Beijing for years of lonely, if lavish, exile. Within weeks, war broke out, beginning a systematic destruction of Cambodia that killed millions and impoverished the survivors.

Sihanouk, seeking to regain the throne, joined the Khmer Rouge-dominated rebels after his overthrow. They had numbered only a few hundred until then, but his presence gave them a legitimacy they had never before enjoyed.

The alliance left Sihanouk open to subsequent criticism that he opened the way for the Khmer Rouge holocaust. But his relations with the rebels were always strained.

"The Khmer Rouge do not like me at all, and I know that. Ooh, la, la ... It is clear to me," he said in a 1973 interview. "When they no longer need me, they will spit me out like a cherry pit."

When the Khmer Rouge seized power in 1975 and Sihanouk returned home, they detained him and ordered his execution. Only the personal intervention of Chinese leader Zhou Enlai saved him.

# World

## Syria accused of cluster bomb use in civil war

**BEIRUT** (AP)—The Syrian regime was accused Sunday of dropping cluster bombs—indiscriminate scattershot munitions banned by most nations—in a new sign of desperation and disregard for its own people.

The international group Human Rights Watch cited amateur video and testimony from the front lines in making the allegation against the government of President Bashar Assad.

Syria and Turkey, meanwhile, declared their skies off-limits to each other amid mounting cross-border tensions in Syria's 19-month-old conflict, now a civil war. Turkey is an outspoken backer of rebels trying to oust Assad.

The weekend's mutual ban on overflights is part of Turkey's increasingly assertive stance toward Syria that has stirred concerns about a regional conflagration. In the past two weeks, Turkey has retaliated for stray Syrian shells and mortar rounds, intercepted a Syrian passenger plane on suspicion it carried military equipment, and—according to a Turkish newspaper Sunday—sent more warships to naval bases north of the Syrian coastline.

Inside Syria, rebel fighters and regime forces have been locked in a bloody stalemate for weeks, with rebels holding large rural stretches in the heavily populated western area, but unable to dislodge Assad's troops from urban

centers. During the summer, the regime escalated shelling and airstrikes on rebel-held neighborhoods.

Human Rights Watch said new amateur videos and interviews with residents suggests the Syrian air force has dropped cluster bombs in the past week, mainly along a main north-south highway in western Syria that runs through Maaret al-Numan, a town captured by rebels after fierce fighting.

Cluster bombs open in flight, scattering smaller bomblets over a wide area. Many of the bomblets don't explode immediately, posing a threat to civilians long afterward.

Steve Goose, an arms expert for the New York-based human rights group, said most nations have already banned cluster bombs and that many of those who haven't, including the United States, said they would do so soon.

"These are weapons that are really beyond the pale," Goose said in a phone interview. "This is a weapon of desperation (for Syria) at this point in time. Only those governments and political leaders who are willing to thumb their nose at international opinion will use these weapons."

The Syrian government had no immediate comment.

First word of cluster bombs being dropped by the regime emerged in July, but the recent reports indicated a more widespread use, said Nadim Houry,

a Lebanon-based researcher for Human Rights Watch.

Sunday's report said activists posted at least 18 videos in the past week showing remnants of the bombs in or near the central city of Homs, the northern cities of Idlib and Aleppo, rural areas near the town of Latakia and the eastern Ghouta district close to the capital of Damascus. The group also spoke to residents in the towns of Taftanaz and Tamane who said cluster bombs were dropped in their areas on Tuesday.

There was no immediate report of casualties from the recent cluster bombs, the report said, adding that the munitions shown in the videos were made in the Soviet Union, a major arms supplier to Syria before its collapse in 1991.

Amateur videos cannot be confirmed independently because Syria restricts access to foreign journalists and the government keeps a tight lid on news related to the conflict, which it blames on a foreign conspiracy.

Cluster bombs have also been used in other recent conflicts in the region, including by forces loyal to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, who was toppled in a bloody uprising last year, and by Israel in its 2006 war with the Lebanese Hezbollah militia. U.N. demining experts have said hundreds of thousands of bomblets dropped over Lebanon failed to explode.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Sept. 11 trial rules under scrutiny at Guantanamo

**GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba** (AP)—A U.S. military judge is considering broad security rules for the war crimes tribunal of five Guantanamo prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 attacks, including measures to prevent the accused from publicly revealing what happened to them in the CIA's secret network of overseas prisons. Prosecutors have asked the judge at a pretrial hearing starting Monday to approve what is known as a protective order that is intended to prevent the release of classified information during the eventual trial of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who has portrayed himself as the mastermind of the terror attacks, and four co-defendants. Lawyers for the defendants say the rules, as proposed, will hobble their defense. The American Civil Liberties Union, which has filed a challenge to the protective order, says the restrictions will prevent the public from learning what happened to Mohammed and his co-defendants during several years of CIA confinement and interrogation.

#### Libya Congress elects rights lawyer prime minister

**TRIPOLI, Libya** (AP)—Libya's Congress elected a human rights lawyer as interim prime minister on Sunday, a week after his predecessor was sacked for failing to present a Cabinet line-up that political factions could agree on. Ali

Zidan, also a former independent congressman, won 93 votes, securing a majority of those who voted in a poll to determine the country's leader for a transitional period of around 20 months. Zidan's top priority will be to name a new government that congress approves. The Cabinet will be faced with the daunting task of disarming thousands of young men who fought in last year's eight-month civil war that led to the capture and killing of longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

#### Lithuanians sway toward opposition parties

**VILNIUS, Lithuania** (AP)—Lithuanians exasperated with economic hardship handed a stunning victory to a populist party led by a disgraced Russia-born millionaire, nearly complete results of Sunday's election show, while voicing resounding disapproval of plans to build a costly new nuclear power plant. The opposition Labor Party, led by Viktor Uspaskich, once dubbed as the "pickle king" for having made his fortune selling jarred pickles, was leading with 23.4 percent of the vote after nearly three-fourths of precincts was counted. The victory set the stage for a coalition with the Social Democrats, who were second with 19.4 percent, and Order and Justice, a populist party led by Rolandas Paksas, a stunt pilot who eventually became president in 2003 - only to be impeached the following year for violating the Constitution and abuse of office. Paksas' party was fourth with 9.2 percent.



## Overdrive

# Auto review: Ford Mustang trades perks for power

## NUTS & BOLTS

**Engine:** 5.0-liter V-8  
**Wheelbase:** 107.1 inches  
**Length:** 188.5 inches  
**Weight:** 3,675 pounds  
**Cargo space:** 13.4 cubic feet  
**EPA rating (city/highway):** 18/25 mpg  
**Base price, base model:** \$22,200  
**Base price, test model:** \$34,300  
**As tested:** \$42,060



Available horsepower for the 2013 Ford Mustang ranges from 305 hp, for the base model, to 650 hp, for the Shelby GT500. MCT

By **LARRY PRINTZ**  
 THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

**Y**ou might think that the driver of a Ford Mustang is usually stopped for speeding due to the car's powerful V-6 and V-8 engines. But you can't entirely blame a Mustang driver's right foot for moving violations. Instead, blame Ford's interior designers.

They are the ones who, in an effort to evoke the 1960s, blessed the instrument cluster with a font that is condensed—and positively illegible. What's worse is that the speedometer's numbers are squeezed into half of the dial. The rest of the gauge is empty. And that's not all.

Why does my elbow hit the hard center console? Why are the vanity

mirror covers so cheaply made? Why is there no spot for my Ray-Bans? Or change? Why is cabin storage so meager? The sun visors lack that little strap to hold a turnpike toll ticket, cash, slips and the like. The glovebox is barely big enough to hold the owner's manual and a smartphone. The center console lid has a button that's perfectly placed so that every time I rest my arm on the center console, it opens the bin lid. And wouldn't it be nice if a 21st century Mustang had a steering wheel that telescopes as well as tilts? The test car, with a suggested retail price north of \$40,000, has an interior worthy of a car that costs half as much.

But none of that matters, for sensibly evaluating a Mustang is ridiculous. You want sensible? Buy a Fiesta.

This is a Mustang. It has a heritage, and cars with heritage have compro-

mises. That's part of the deal.

The Mustang's familiar retro styling has been buffed to a modern sheen by Ford stylists, promising to speed you back in time. And does it ever.

Twist the key and listen to what eight cylinders of Dearborn muscle sounds like. Next, put the car in gear. Then, step on the accelerator and hold on. That's when quibbles fade like promises made in a singles bar the night before.

Mustangs are offered as a coupe or convertible. Base models get a 3.7-liter double-overhead-cam V-6 good for 305 horsepower. Next comes the GT and its 420-hp 5.0-liter V-8. Both models can be fitted with six-speed transmissions: manual or automatic.

Not enough for you? You can opt for the Mustang Boss 302 with an extra 24 horses under the hood or the big

dog, the Shelby GT500 is powered by an aluminum 5.8-liter supercharged V-8 producing a ground-pounding 650 horsepower—more than double that of the Mustang's V-6. Both the Boss 302 and GT500 come only with manual transmissions.

I settled for the classic GT coupe. Believe me, for all but the most power-hungry, 420 horsepower is more than enough to bring a smile to your face. Power comes on fiercely. The engine and exhaust are a mechanical symphony, making all of the right noise.

Experienced muscle-heads will find this car easy to control with perfectly weighted steering that returns some road feel and a firm ride that easily handles all but the worst roads.

Of course, if you're feeling frisky, you can turn off the stability control. Then, the advantage of the car's rear-

drive set-up is revealed: Sliding this car's tail around is a whole mess of fun.

But if you get in over your head, you'll find the brakes will save your bacon.

With all of the power on tap, you might be surprised to find that, when handled docilely, a Mustang GT can return 27 mpg. But being good in this car is like going to Las Vegas and never gambling; what's the point?

The 2013 Mustang GT is the pinnacle of the retro-themed Mustangs. It's a fun ride, one that lives up to its name. Still, it's a bit like Mae West in her final movie: it looks better from a distance.

So if you like cars that look backward, enjoy this one while you can.

A new Mustang is rumored to arrive as a 2014 model and, if the rumors are true, a more modern steed will soon be prancing in Ford's pastures.

## UNDER THE HOOD:

# Auxiliary transmission not always worth it

By **BRAD BERGHOLDT**  
 MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**QUESTION: I would like to have information about two-speed axles—particularly the Gear Vendors overdrive in five-speed pickups.—W. B. Parker**

**ANSWER:** The company you mentioned is a leading manufacturer of auxiliary transmissions for domestic car, truck and motor home applications. These bolt up behind your existing transmission and allow overdrive and gear-splitting functions.

An overdrive gear ratio allows the engine to spin more slowly at cruising speed, reducing fuel consumption,

noise, and engine wear. Gear splitting refers to the practice of shifting the auxiliary transmission in and out of overdrive as one shifts the main box, allowing additional useful gear ranges. Some gear combinations fill gaps better than others. This sounds like a lot of shifting, but is particularly great when towing, climbing hills or racing.

In addition to the hardware, Gear Vendors supplies an electronic interface that can coordinate overdrive functions with your existing vehicle powertrain controls.

Do you remember when some automatic transmissions had only two gears? There were only two vehicle speeds where the engine could be the

most fuel-efficient or develop peak power, and every other vehicle speed resulted in a moderate to dreadful compromise. Transmissions these days have up to nine speeds, and some are continuously variable—they have infinite speeds, which allows the engine to be highly efficient under every possible driving condition.

Your five-speed transmission already contains an overdrive ratio, in addition to the other four, so you wouldn't see the same benefits as the owner of an older pickup with a more sturdy three-speed transmission that suffers from wider gaps between gears and no overdrive.

From what I've heard and re-

searched, the Gear Vendors units are very sturdy and expensive (their word). I priced one for a hypothetical pickup and the cost is around \$3,000 plus tax, installation and drive-shaft shortening.

From a fuel savings standpoint, in a typical low-mileage pickup with three or four gears, and \$4 gas, the unit should pay for itself in perhaps 50,000 miles, then allow in-the-black fuel savings. If you work your truck hard, either heavily loaded or towing, the added gear ratios can improve performance and reduce driveline strain.

Then there's the fun factor—truck folks seem to love shifting gears. I can't leave the up/downshift and tow/haul buttons alone on my six-speed Allison.

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**Q: What's the best way to check my battery? It's five years old, and I**

**wonder how much time it has left.—Jeff Conner**

**A:** A good home test with jumper cables and another vehicle or battery available is to unplug a connector or remove a fuse—fuel pump, distributor, coil packs, injectors—so the engine cannot start. Then crank the engine for fifteen seconds. If the sound of the starter slows, or battery voltage (measured directly with a simple meter) falls below 10.5 volts, the battery's condition is questionable. Disabling fuel is the preferred no-start method.

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## IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

# Dolores Dela Cruz Borja Hocog

Born to life on March 28, 1926 and was called to her eternal rest on  
Friday, October 12, 2012 at the age of 86

**In Her New life She Now Joins Her:**

**Husband:** Ignacio Songao Hocog  
**Son:** Edward (Eddie) Borja Hocog  
**Granddaughter:** Lily A. Hocog

**Maternal Parents:** Juana Dela Cruz Borja King  
**Reared Father:** Jose King (King Chan)  
**Father:** Gregorio Iriarte Pangelinan (Bolis)  
**Brothers, Sisters and In-Law:** Ramon B. King, Juan B. & Lucy H. King,  
Jose B. King, Rosa K. Quichocho

**Paternal Brothers Sisters and In Laws:** Vicente & Francisca Pangelinan,  
Pedro & Carmen Pangelinan, Isidro & Teresita Pangelinan,  
Teresita Pangelinan, Dolores & Juan Cruz, Felisa Pangelinan

**Parents In-Law:** Pedro Maratita & Escolastica Songsong Songao Hocog  
**Sisters and Brothers In-Law:** Ana S. Hocog, Milagro H. & Lucio Manglona, Rosa H. & David Indalecio, Domingo S. Quintanilla

**Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of Her:**

**Children:** †Edward & Alice Atalig - Rota, Janet H. & Pete Ogo - Salem, Oregon, Lydia H. & Jose B. Aldan - Saipan, Victor B. & Villia M. Hocog - Rota, Dr. Larry B. & Matilde M. Hocog - Saipan, Vianney B. & Angie A. Hocog - Rota, Juan T. Guerrero (Juan Pan-Reared - Saipan)

**Brother, Sisters and In-Laws:** Alfredo C. Pangelinan - Guam, Consolacion (Chong) Cruz - Honolulu, Hawaii, Inez & Frank Garrido - California, Ramon Quichocho - Tinian, Martha King - Tinian

*She will also be greatly missed by her (29) Grandchildren, (54) Great grandchildren and (5) Great great- grandchildren.*

**Caregivers:** Keah Aldan - Hernandez, Baby Cambronerio, Melba Murao and Mark Gagarin

## Mother (Nang)

We little knew that morning  
GOD was going to call your name.  
In Life, we loved you dearly,  
In death, we do the same.  
It hurts to loose you,  
You did not go alone.  
But part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
And though we cannot see you,  
You're always at our side.  
Our family's chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one,  
.....the chain will link again.

**Mass is being offered at the following time and place:**

6:00 AM	San Jose Church, Oleai, Saipan
6:00 PM	St. Jude Church in Koblerville, Saipan
6:00 PM	San Antonio Church, Saipan
6:00 AM	San Francisco de Borja Church, Songsong, Rota
7:00 PM followed by Holy Rosary	San Isidro Church, Sinapalo, Rota

On Thursday, October 18, 2012 viewing will take place on Saipan at the CHC Chapel beginning 12:30PM until 3:30PM and on Friday, October 19, 2012 her remains will be flown to Rota at 10:00AM for Funeral Services.

On Saturday, October 20, 2012, her remains will leave Rota Health Center at 7:00AM and will be escorted to San Francisco de Borja Church, Songsong, Rota for viewing and Last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00AM followed by the interment service at the San Jose Cemetery.

Your thoughts, presence and prayers are greatly appreciated

**Janet, Lydia, Victor, Larry,  
Vianney, Juan and Families**



# Life&Style

## Q&A: Ellie Goulding on 'Lights,' Skrillex, new CD

By MESFIN FEKADU  
AP MUSIC WRITER

**NEW YORK (AP)**—British singer Ellie Goulding dealt with writer's block when coming up with songs for her sophomore album. That's because she was still dealing with the success of her first album.

Goulding's debut, "Lights," was released in February 2010 in Europe and March 2011 in the United States. This year, however, the title track peaked at No. 2 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart and has sold more than 3.3 million units in America. The electro-dance track is one of the year's top songs.

"I still haven't been able to understand, like, why that has happened," the 25-year-old said in a recent interview. "It's crazy. But the definite truth is it's been way more popular here (in the U.S.) than it has anywhere in the world."

Her "Lights" album has sold about 240,000 units in the U.S., but now she's promoting her sophomore record, "Halcyon," which was released this week. She recorded it in "a converted barn in a valley" in England with producer Jim Eliot (Kylie Minogue) to escape the success of "Lights."

While her "Lights" single is on the new album, Goulding has a new single, "Anything Could Happen," a new sound—and a somewhat new relationship.

**AP: Did you want to capitalize on the success of "Lights" and do something similar on the new album?**

**Goulding:** ... No, not really. ... If my next song has the same ability to do what "Lights" has done, then I'll be really proud. But, who knows? Like, I would never want to design music to



This Sept. 14, 2012 photo shows English singer-songwriter Elena Jane "Ellie" Goulding posing for a portrait in New York.

do what "Lights" did 'cause that wouldn't have any kind of integrity on my part. ... Most of my favorite music isn't in the charts. Don't get me wrong, I adore pop music so much. I'm not saying I have a thing against chart music. If mine gets on the charts and I sell records, then it's a bonus. It's like Gotye. I don't think Gotye ever expected, just from stories I've heard, he never expected to have a hit with ("Somebody I Used to Know").

**AP: "Lights" really had a slow and steady rise up the**

**U.S. charts. How do you feel about that?**

**Goulding:** I wonder if that's the case with a lot of my songs. I feel like I wrote songs for the future or something. Not in an arrogant way, but I feel like maybe my songs were, like, before their time or something.

**AP: What helped you overcome writer's block?**

**Goulding:** ... I guess I cured it by meeting Jim. Also ... I went through, like, a breakup in a relationship (with radio DJ Greg James) and genuinely, like, that

kind of opened the floodgates for me. I felt like there was a lot I needed to write about for a long time. I went away to Ireland by myself and that triggered a lot of the lyrics, a lot of the ideas.

**AP: Was it therapeutic and easier to deal with the breakup by writing about it?**

**Goulding:** It was definitely therapeutic. It's really nice to know that when you're going through stuff and you're writing about it, it can almost be resolved in a song. In a way I can get over stuff easier if I write it down, and it's there, and I know I'll always have that thing to help me with it.

**AP: You're dating Skrillex and you've collaborated musically. Do you want to do more of that?**

**Goulding:** I think in an ideal world we'd love to make a whole record together ... but it just so happens that we're both ridiculously busy. When it comes to music, it honestly is really professional. Honestly. If we start talking about music on the phone, it switches immediately to being professional, and not on purpose, but because we're both so passionate about music and it's a very serious thing to us. But at the same time we've had fun making stuff, and I have fun listening to his new stuff because it blows my mind and it's so clever to me, so fascinating it makes me want to laugh, and I laugh because it's so brilliant. He's listened to a lot of my stuff in the early stages. It's really good to have one person, regardless of whether they're a musician or not, it's good to have one person to keep referencing to and asking (his or her) opinion. He's definitely been good to have around during the making of "Halcyon."

## Libel trial to focus on Britney Spears' meltdown

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Britney Spears' darkest days are about to be revisited in a Los Angeles courtroom, but not by the resurgent pop singer.

Instead jurors will begin hearing testimony next week on claims by Spears' former manager that he was vilified and unfairly blamed for the singer's public meltdown more than four years ago. Spears' parents are defendants and will likely testify, but the panel won't hear directly from the Grammy winner.

Former Spears confidante Sam Lutfi is seeking millions of dollars from Spears and her family, claiming her mother's book lied about him drugging and isolating the pop superstar. He is also seeking a portion of the singer's profits, claiming he was a key player in her 2007 album "Blackout" and had the right to serve as her manager for years.

Instead, the singer spent much of that time recovering under a

court-ordered conservatorship, with her father and fiancé continuing to exert control over her personal life. It is highly unlikely the star will be a witness during the trial, although a judge has said she will consider a request by Lutfi's attorney to call Spears as a witness mid-trial if necessary.

A probate judge overseeing Spears' conservatorship has ruled that the singer's caretakers should not allow her to testify "under any circumstances." Lutfi's attorney has cited the singer's record tour and her current role as a judge on Fox's "The X Factor" as reasons for why the singer should testify, but he may have to settle for the testimony of Spears' divorced parents, father Jamie Spears and mother Lynne Spears.

Jury selection began Friday and will continue on Tuesday,

with opening statements expected later in the week.

The case is the culmination of years of acrimony between Lutfi and Spears' family and conservators, who successfully obtained a restraining order against him to keep him from contacting the singer or trying to intervene in her life. The order has expired, but conservatorship attorneys are seeking repayment for more than \$93,000 in legal fees—a judgment Lutfi is appealing.

Lutfi sued in February 2009, roughly a year after Spears was hospitalized and placed under the conservatorship to take control of her health and finances. The move by Jamie Spears came after months of erratic behavior by his daughter, including shaving her head, speaking in a British accent and other bizarre

incidents that also led to her losing custody of her two sons with ex-husband Kevin Federline.

Lutfi was a constant presence around Spears during the tumultuous period. In his court case he maintains that he was trying to help her, though her parents paint a more sinister picture. They say Lutfi drugged and isolated their daughter—cutting her phone line and hiding her cellphones—and used the paparazzi as "henchmen."

Many of the claims were included in court filings used to obtain the conservatorship, but Lynne Spears included them in her 2008 book "Through the Storm: A Real Story of Fame and Family in a Tabloid World." Lutfi is suing for libel and defamation based on three chapters in the book that describe him as a "general" to the paparazzi and portray him as a man trying to manipulate not only the singer, but her mother.



Lutfi

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Cast: Kevin James, Henry Winkler, Salma Hayek  
Genre: Comedy • Rated PG

#### Synopsis

A dedicated teacher attempts to rescue his school's music program by risking life and limb as a mixed martial arts fighter. Kevin James and Henry Winkler star in an action comedy from director Frank Coraci (The Wedding Singer, Click).

Argo				
Friday		4:15	7:15	9:45
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:45
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Monday thru Thursday		4:15	7:15	

Cast: Ben Affleck, Alan Arkin, John Goodman  
Genre: Thriller • Rated R

Sinister				
Friday		4:30	7:30	10:00
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	10:00
Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	
Monday thru Thursday		4:30	7:30	

Cast: Ethan Hawke, James Ransone, Vincent D'Onofrio  
Genre: Horror • Rated R

Frankenweenie 3D				
Friday		7:05	9:35	
Saturday	1:05	7:05	9:35	
Sunday	1:05	7:05		
Monday thru Thursday		7:05		

Cast: Charlie Tahan, Winona Ryder, Martin Landau  
Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG

Taken 2				
Friday		4:10	7:10	9:40
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:40
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Monday thru Thursday		4:10	7:10	

Cast: Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen  
Genre: Thriller • Rated PG13

Pitch Perfect				
Friday		4:20	7:20	9:55
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:55
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Monday thru Thursday		4:20	7:20	

Cast: Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin, Ben Platt  
Genre: Comedy • Rated PG13

Frankenweenie 2D				
Friday		4:05		
Saturday		4:05		
Sunday		4:05		
Monday thru Thursday		4:05		

Cast: Charlie Tahan, Winona Ryder, Martin Landau  
Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG

Hotel Transylvania 3D				
Friday		7:25	9:50	
Saturday	1:25	7:25	9:50	
Sunday	1:25	7:25		
Monday thru Thursday		7:25		

Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Kevin James  
Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG

Hotel Transylvania 2D				
Friday		4:25		
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Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Kevin James  
Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG

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## Man hopes wife outgrows drunken girls' nights out

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have been married for eight months. She has an occasional habit that makes me wonder whether we got married too young. (She's 23, I'm 27 and we're both in graduate school.)

She likes to go out with a group of her friends from high school or with her sister and her sister's friends, get drunk and stay the night. It doesn't happen all the time—several times a year—and I'm not worried about her cheating on me. I try not to be the controlling husband and say she "can't" go out. But it bothers me that she wants to spend the night with her single friends and get drunk. If I try to talk to her about it, she gets angry and says she doesn't get to see her friends very often.

I don't understand why her socializing always has to involve drinking and staying out all night. Her sister is my age and has a career in education, but still likes hosting these parties. I wonder how long it will take my wife to outgrow this phase. Am I being controlling? What should I do?

GETTING FRUSTRATED IN PONTIAC, MICH.

**DEAR GETTING FRUSTRATED:** Your wife appears to be trying to hold onto her carefree single days, and it's a shame she can't do that without getting herself soused and staying out all night. On the other hand, if she's in no condition to get behind the wheel, then it's better that she not drive until she sobers up.

I don't think saying what's on your mind is "controlling." I suspect your wife becomes angry because she is defensive.

Her behavior is immature, and how long it will take her to outgrow this "phase" is anybody's guess. I recommend that you both widen your circle of friends so you spend more time with other married couples who are more mature than your wife's sister and high school friends appear to be.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have reached a crossroad in my life. Just when I thought I had everything, from the house with the white picket fence to the family dog and children, I have learned something about my husband. He had never opened up about himself other than to say he was raised by his father and stepmom who abused him as a child.

As I was cleaning out a closet and getting rid of some things, I came across his old briefcase, which I opened to see if anything of importance was inside before tossing it. To my shock, there were photos and a DVD of what seemed like pornography of himself and other women.

I can respect past relationships, but having done something like this and kept the evidence is very troubling to me. I find myself needing closure, but when I try to talk to him, he brushes me off. I feel betrayed, unsure who I married and lost about what else to do. What do you advise?

CONFUSED IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR CONFUSED:** How old does your husband appear to be in those photos? If they are recent, then it is important that you get to the bottom of this—and counseling may help you find the answers you're looking for.

However, if they are NOT recent, let the past stay buried. Some women keep old love letters long after the romance is over. And some men keep old pictures like the ones you found.

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*Dear Abby*

## 'SNL' parodies VP debate with help from Usain Bolt

**NEWYORK (AP)**—"Saturday Night Live" parodied the vice presidential debate with a little help from the world's fastest man.

Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt dropped by the NBC sketch show's mock debate after Taran Killam, playing Mitt Romney's running mate, Paul Ryan, claimed

he won the 100-meter race at the London Olympics. Ryan has been criticized for exaggerating his marathon time.

"SNL" had fun with the vice president candidates following Thursday's contentious debate. While President Barack Obama and Romney's first debate didn't offer as much obvious satire, the

show happily skewered Vice President Joe Biden and Ryan.

Jason Sudeikis, as Biden, called himself "Big Daddy Joe" and insisted he was "mon-key strong" unlike his younger foe, whom he referred to as "shark eyes." Killam played Ryan with an Eddie Munster-like widow's peak.

## Before Facebook, there was Manet, painting friends

**TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)**—Long before smartphones turned so many of us into amateur photographers and revolutionized how we depict each other through social media, there were the works of French Impressionist Edouard Manet.

Known for portraits of friends and celebrities of his era, the painter often called "the first modern artist" came of age during the mid-1800s when photography first became available to the public. He even kept his own collection of photos of the subjects he painted.

Manet's portraits and how they were influenced by photography are the focus of "Manet: Portraying Life" at the Toledo Museum of Art, the only U.S. museum to host the exhibition before it moves to The Royal Academy of Arts in London next winter.

The show that opened this month and runs through the end of the year features 40 paintings from public and private collections, including some of his best-known works. Instead of assembling a retrospective of Manet's works, the two museums chose portraits that would open the discussion of what impact photography had on Manet's paintings.

"We're not suggesting an exact reliance on photography, but this was a new medium in the era that he's painting and it was very important," said co-curator Lawrence Nichols.

It is the first time a Manet (1832-1883) exhibit has looked solely at his portraits, said Nichols, the museum's curator of European and American painting and sculpture before 1900. The museum's own collection includes Manet's portrait of a childhood friend who wrote extensively about the artist.

The works include straight forward portraits of men in top hats and women in flowing dresses. There are others that illustrate the change in around his home in Paris, revealing social unrest and the Industrial Revolution.

Sprinkled throughout the exhibition are photos of his subjects—



Brian Kennedy, director of the Toledo Museum of Art, poses in front of a portrait of French Impressionist Edouard Manet, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012, in Toledo, Ohio.

some are original and others are digitized from an album Manet kept—to give insight into how he interpreted them the people he painted. In one photo, the tie and beard of a man bears a noticeable similarity to one of his paintings.

"He had images in his life beyond the paintings he made," Nichols said.

About half of Manet's entire works, which rank among the greatest of the Impressionist movement, were portraits or scenes from everyday life.

Some of the portraits in the show evoke the photos that we see today on social networking sites like Facebook—they're small and straightforward yet reveal something personal about each subject.

And they reveal how we record and connect with each other.

The proliferation of images now is similar to what was happening during Manet's time

when the camera made portraits ubiquitous, he said.

These are ideas that the century-and-a-half old paintings can convey to a modern audience, Nichols said. "This is very much about 2012 and what it means to conceive of yourself, to be perceived by someone else," he said.

Manet's portraits are spread throughout eight galleries into the museum. The exhibit neatly flows into another show featuring nearly 100 mostly black and white photographs of Hollywood legends from the 1920s to the 1960s.

Outside the hall, there are 700 Facebook-like images of community members, museum volunteers and staff.

"These threads together make it very contemporary," said Toledo Museum Director Brian Kennedy. "The prints and photos take us back literally through time to Manet. It covers all the various ways people use various media to represent each other."

## Member of Jerry Lee Lewis band killed in shootout

**MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)**—Musician B.B. Cunningham Jr., a member of Jerry Lee Lewis' band, was killed in a Memphis shootout early Sunday, police said.

Police said Cunningham was working as a security guard at an apartment complex on Memphis' southeast side, when he heard a gunshot at the neighboring Cherry Crest apartments and went to investigate about 2 a.m., according to *The Commercial Appeal*.

Police didn't provide details, but they said when officers arrived, both the 70-year-old Cunningham and a 16-year-old boy were found dead from gunshot wounds.

The teenager has not been identified. Calls to police by The Associated Press were not returned.

When contacted at his home in Washington D.C., Bill Cunningham confirmed his brother was killed.

Byny Garcia, who lives in a unit across the courtyard from where

the shooting took place, said Cunningham was well-liked.

"He'd take care of the old people and the Spanish kids," Garcia said. "He was a good person. We don't feel good at this moment."

Born Blake Baker Cunningham Jr., the keyboardist and singer established a national reputation in 1965 as a member of the touring version of Ronnie and the Daytonas, known for the song "G.T.O."

## 'Taken 2' takes down 'Argo' in close weekend

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Liam Neeson's "Taken 2" has defended its box-office title with a narrow win over Ben Affleck's "Argo."

Sunday studio estimates put 20th Century Fox's action sequel "Taken 2" at No. 1 with \$22.5 million in its second weekend. "Taken 2" raised its domestic total to \$86.8 million.

Affleck's "Argo," an Iranian hostage thriller from Warner Bros., opened in second-place with \$20.1 million.

Ethan Hawke's "Sinister," about a true-crime writer caught up in supernatural horror, debuted at No. 3 with \$18.3 million. The movie was released by Lionsgate's Summit Entertainment banner.

Sony's "Here Comes the Boom," with Kevin James as a teacher who becomes a mixed martial arts sensation, started weakly at No. 5 with \$12 million.

The weekend's other new wide release, CBS Films' crime comedy "Seven Psychopaths," also opened to small crowds, taking in \$4.3 million to finish at No. 9. The movie's ensemble cast includes Colin Farrell, Sam Rockwell, Christopher Walken and Woody Harrelson.

"Argo" is using its great reviews and Academy Awards buzz to settle in for a long stay at the box office. Affleck directed and starred in the real-life story about a CIA operative who concocts a plan to rescue six Americans hiding in Tehran after the 1979 U.S. embassy takeover by disguising them as members of a fake movie crew.

Revenues on the film ticked up a whopping 47 percent from opening day Friday to Saturday, a sign that audiences were talking it up exuberantly to friends.

"This is a really good indication of how quickly word of mouth can spread," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution at Warner Bros. "The critical acclaim in this case is going to translate into commercial success."

Hollywood's business continues to grow as it heads into the busy holiday season. Overall domestic revenues came in at \$132 million, up 51 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Real Steel" led with \$16.3 million.

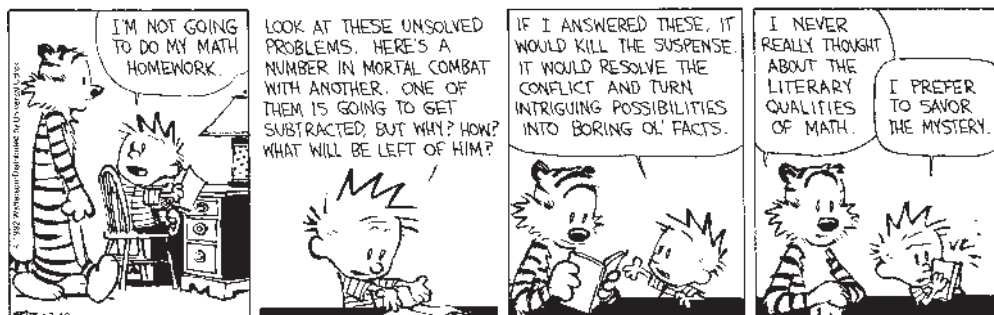
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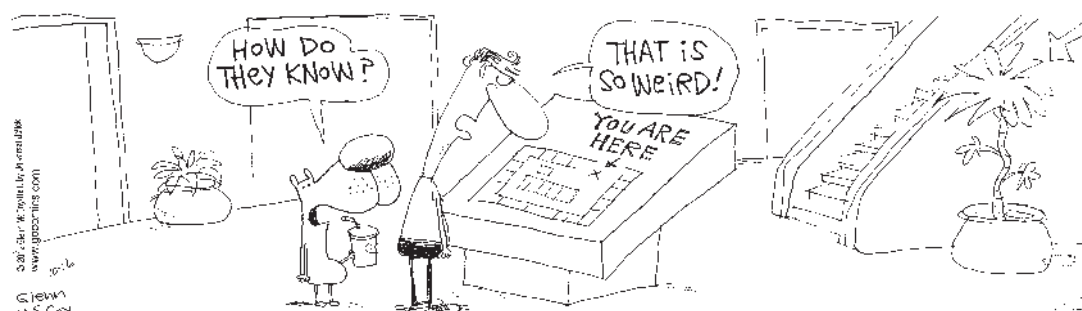
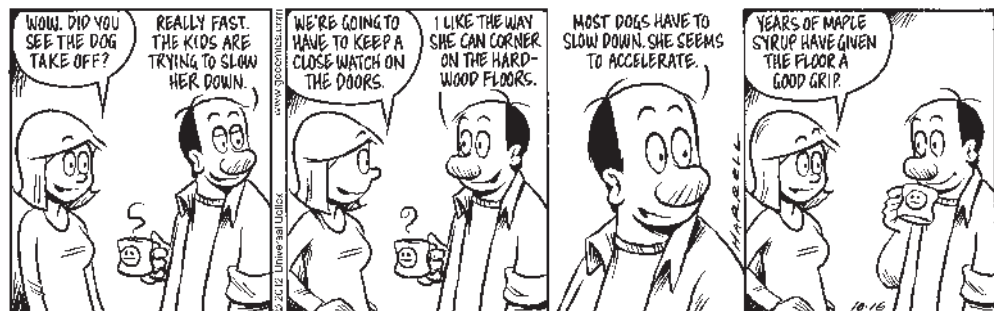
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# Cardinals beat Giants in NLCS opener



**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Ahead by a lot or behind by a bunch, these St. Louis Cardinals are winning every which way.

Boosted by two-run homers from proven postseason stars Carlos Beltran and David Freese, and 5 1-3 innings from a steady bullpen, these wild, wild-card Cardinals beat the San Francisco Giants 6-4 on Sunday night in Game 1 of the NL championship series.

The defending World Series champions built an early 6-0 cushion and held on. Only two nights earlier, the Cardinals came back from the same deficit, using a four-run rally in the ninth inning at Washington in the deciding Game 5 of the division series.

"I'm thinking about the D.C. game," Freese said. "They were up 6-0. We were up 6-0. And that shows that you've got to keep playing. ... We were fortunate enough that our bullpen came in and closed the door the rest of the way."

Starter Lance Lynn was done after 3 2-3 innings. Edward Mujica, the fifth St. Louis pitcher, struck out the side in order in the seventh for the win. Jason Motte finished for his second save of the postseason.

The Cardinals gave first-year manager Mike Matheny a win against his former club.

Matheny's crew hardly looked road weary after a cross-country trip. The Giants dropped to 0-3 at home so far during these playoffs, outscored 20-6 at AT&T Park.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Monday night. Chris Carpenter pitches for the Cardinals against Ryan Vogelsong.

This is the first time the previous two World Series winners are facing off in the postseason since the 1958 World Series between the Braves and Yankees.

"The way we play the game, we have been in this type of situation before in the regular season," Beltran said. "These guys have this mentality of not panicking."

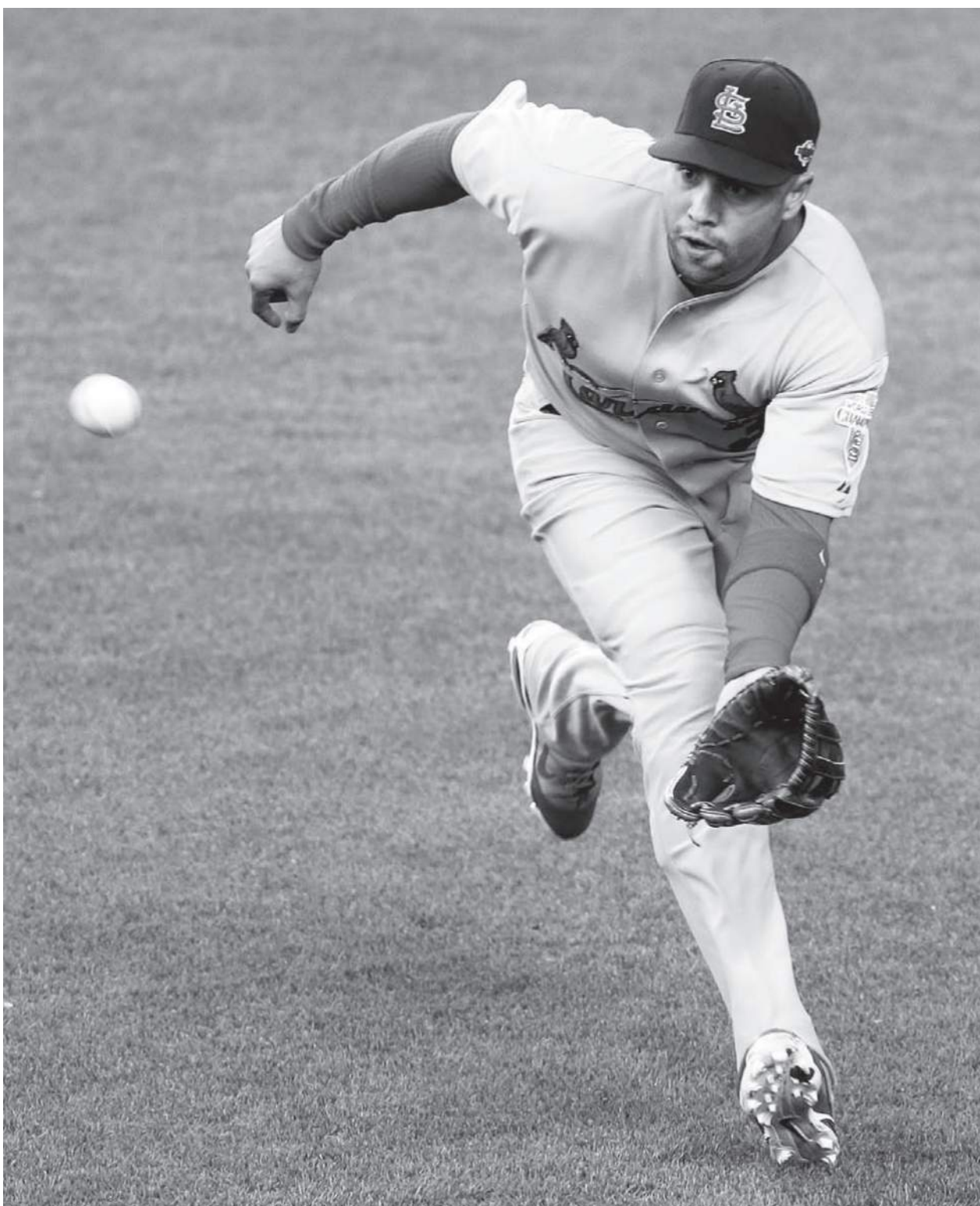
Beltran's fourth-inning drive into the seats in left-center chased San Francisco starter Madison Bumgarner, who has been a far cry from the impressive pitcher he was during the 2010 World Series run.

It was Beltran's 14th career postseason home run and third this October.

"Right now I'm really enjoying myself," Beltran said. "Right now I'm seeing the ball well. I feel like I have a good approach at the plate, I feel like I'm not trying to do too much, and good things are happening."

Beltran spent the second half of the 2011 season with San Francisco after a trade from the Mets, but the Giants missed the playoffs last fall a year after the capturing an improbable championship. The orange towel-waving sellout crowd of 42,534 let him have it with boos at every opportunity - during pregame introductions and each time he stepped into the batter's box.

Both teams were well rested a day after a rough night of travel. The Giants barely beat the Cardinals to the Bay Area early Saturday after they were delayed three hours on the tarmac in Cincinnati on Friday night - to refuel and for a mechanical problem after waiting out the Cardinals-Nationals game to know where they were headed next.



St. Louis Cardinals' Carlos Beltran catches a ball hit by San Francisco Giants' Marco Scutaro during the first inning of Game 1 of baseball's National League championship series Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in San Francisco.

## Sanchez gives Tigers 2-0 lead over Yankees

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The Detroit Tigers got a big boost from Anibal Sanchez's arm. They got a helping hand from an umpire, too.

The reward: a commanding 2-0 lead in the AL championship series, and a trip home with their ace ready to start.

Sanchez shut down a Yankees lineup minus injured Derek Jeter, Detroit scored twice after an admitted missed call by an ump and won without any extra-inning drama, beating New York 3-0 Sunday.

"He was terrific," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "This is a tough place to pitch with a tough lineup and a short porch. And a whole bunch of left-handed hitters, it is not easy. That was quite a feat."

New York starter Hiroki Kuroda pitched perfect ball into the sixth inning to keep pace with Sanchez. But Robinson Cano and the slumping Yankees hitters were no match for the

28-year-old right-hander a day after its captain broke his ankle in the 12th inning of a 6-4 loss.

"I try to think backwards," Sanchez said. "If the count calls for a fastball, I throw a different pitch. If the count calls for a different pitch, I throw a fastball. I try to mix my speeds."

To get out of a jam in the first inning, he thought backward, all right: try reaching around his back to snare a grounder for the final out.

Making his second postseason start, Sanchez threw three-hit ball deep into the game to make Leyland's job easier. Closer Jose Valverde gave up four runs in the ninth Saturday and, only hours later, Leyland said the righty wouldn't close Game 2.

Delmon Young gave Sanchez his first run of support in these playoffs with a fielder's choice in the seventh. The Tigers then scored twice in the eighth after second base umpire Jeff Nelson missed a call on a two-out tag

at second base. Yankees manager Joe Girardi argued, and was ejected on his 48th birthday.

"The hand did not get in before the tag," Nelson said after seeing a replay. "The call was incorrect."

Game 3 in the best-of-seven series is Tuesday night in Detroit, with reigning AL MVP Justin Verlander starting for the Tigers against Phil Hughes. Verlander went 2-0 in the division series versus Oakland, including a four-hit shutout with 11 strikeouts in the decisive Game 5.

The Tigers led 1-0 in the eighth and had Omar Infante on first with two outs. Austin Jackson singled and when Infante took a wide turn at second, right fielder Nick Swisher threw behind him.

Cano made a swipe tag as Infante made a head-first dive back to second. Cano missed Infante's arm but brushed his body, replays clearly showed. But Nelson called Infante safe.

two-out single in Friday's 9-7 win, added two more hits.

Descalso hit a one-out double in the fourth, then rookie Pete Kozma drove him home with a double of his own. In the ninth inning Friday, Kozma followed Descalso with a go-ahead, two-run single.

Descalso did well playing in his native Northern California. He spends his offseasons in San Francisco's Marina district.

Beltran and Freese each had two strikes when they homered.

"I think that's been very much of a strong suit for us all season," Matheny said. "And it's a beautiful thing when these guys trust themselves when they get to two strikes. They can be a little more selective early in the count and then they're not going to panic when we do get to two strikes. I give the guys a lot of credit."

St. Louis 18-game winner Lynn didn't allow a hit until Marco Scutaro's single to left leading off the fourth. Hunter Pence singled two outs later and Brandon Belt drove him home with a single. Gregor Blanco followed with a two-run triple, then Brandon Crawford hit an RBI double. Pinch hitter Aubrey Huff - a 2010 postseason star now in a diminished role - drew a walk to cheers of "Aubrey! Aubrey!"

And, just like that, Lynn was done.

"The bullpen did a great job," catcher Yadier Molina said. "We struck first, and to hold that lead, we won with the bullpen."

Bumgarner and Lynn each lasted only 3 2-3 innings. That made for a long night in both bullpens.

The pressure is now on for the Giants not to fall behind 2-0 at home again. They lost the first two games of their division series here to the Reds last weekend before winning three in a row at Cincinnati. They went 48-33 at AT&T Park this season.

"We've shown how resilient we can be," manager Bruce Bochy said. "We hate to lose them at home, but it happens. And we've got to wash this one off and come out and be ready to go tomorrow."

Bumgarner, a 16-game winner for the NL West champs, lost Game 2 of the division series at home to the Reds exactly a week earlier.

He pitched a 1-2-3 first on Sunday but ran into trouble in the second when Molina singled on an 0-2 pitch with one out. Freese then drove a 3-2 pitch over the wall in left-center to give the Cardinals a 2-0 lead.

Bumgarner needed 30 pitches to get through the second, and now has an 11.25 ERA in his two postseason starts this year.

Lynn returned to the rotation for the NLCS and his first career postseason start after making four relief appearances in the division series. Matheny needed another starter after left-hander Jaime Garcia injured his left shoulder in Game 2 against the Nationals.

"Right now we feel like everyone's feeding off each other," reliever Joe Kelly said. "If one guy does something, you want to go out and match it and try to keep that momentum going. It shows the confidence that Mike has in this bullpen. It makes us want to play better for him. He hands the ball off and he knows what he's doing."

"They put together some better at-bats than us," Giants center fielder Angel Pagan said. "They hit some homers and were up 6-0. That's a

pretty good lead in the playoffs. We tried to battle back. We did our best but it wasn't our night."

Daniel Descalso, who hit a tying,



# Rodgers throws 6 TDs in Packers' rout of Houston



**HOUSTON (AP)—** This is more like it for Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers.

The reigning MVP set a career high and tied a franchise record with six touchdown passes and the Packers played their best game of their so far inconsistent season, beating previously unbeaten Houston 42-24 on Sunday night.

Jordy Nelson caught three touchdown passes and James Jones had two, including a beautiful, diving one-hander in the fourth quarter for the Packers (3-3). Tight end Tom Crabtree had the other, a 48-yarder that Rodgers released just before taking a hit from Texans' outside linebacker Brooks Reed.

Rodgers completed 24 of 37 passes for 338 yards. He tied Matt Flynn's game record for TD passes, set in last year's regular-season finale against Detroit with Rodgers resting on the sideline in advance of the playoffs.



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (12) is grabbed by Houston Texans outside linebacker Connor Barwin (98) in the first quarter of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in Houston.

## Redskins 38, Vikings 26

In Landover, Robert Griffin III ran for 138 yards and two touchdowns, including a 76-yard scamper with 2:43 to play, and Washington snapped an eight-game home losing streak after a 38-26 win over the Minnesota Vikings.

One week after he left the game early with his first NFL concussion, Griffin also completed 17 of 22 passes for 182 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

The Redskins (3-3) feasted on a Minnesota team that had not allowed more than 23 points in a game this season. Minnesota's three-game winning streak ended. The Vikings are 4-2.

## Lions 26, Eagles 23

In Philadelphia, Jason Hanson kicked a 45-yard field goal in overtime and the Detroit Lions rallied from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Philadelphia Eagles 26-23 on Sunday.

Held in check most of the game, Matthew Stafford led Detroit to 17 points in the fourth quarter. He threw a TD pass and ran for a score.

Detroit had two shots from the Eagles 1 after a pass inter-

ference penalty on Colt Anderson with 13 seconds left in regulation. But Stafford misfired on both passes and Hanson kicked a 19-yard field goal to send it to overtime.

## Seahawks 24, Patriots 23

In Seattle, Russell Wilson found Sidney Rice behind the secondary for a 46-yard touchdown with 1:18 remaining, and Seattle rallied for 14 points in the final 7:31.

The matchup between the Patriots' No. 1 ranked offense and Seattle's No. 1 defense instead turned in to a starring performance for Wilson — and a shocking rally.

Wilson hit Braylon Edwards on fourth down for a 10-yard TD to get the Seahawks' within 23-17. After a pair of holds by Seattle's defense, Wilson found Rice open on a double move. Steven Hauschka's extra point gave Seattle the lead.

## Bills 19, Cardinals 16 OT

In Glendale, Jarius Byrd's second interception of the game set up Rian Lindell's 25-yard field

goal 3:50 into overtime.

The loss ended Arizona's eight-game home winning streak.

Byrd picked off a pass from John Skelton, who had replaced the injured Kevin Kolb, and returned it 29 yards to the Arizona 6 to set up the winning kick.

Arizona's Jay Feely kicked a franchise-record 61-yard field goal with 1:09 left in regulation to tie it 16-16, but his 38-yard attempt to win it as the fourth quarter ended careened off the left upright. Feely says someone tipped the attempt.

## Giants 26, 49ers 3

In San Francisco, Antrel Rolle intercepted two passes by Alex Smith, Prince Amukamara picked off another for New York in a rematch of last season's NFC championship game.

After outscoring the Bills and Jets by a combined 79-3 the last two weeks, the 49ers (4-2) met their match again with Eli Manning and New York's top team. No overtime needed this time, and not much of Manning either.

Manning threw for 193 yards and one touchdown, Ahmad

Bradshaw ran for 116 yards and a score and the Giants (4-2) rode a dominant defense and four field goals by Lawrence Tynes to hand outspoken 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh the most lopsided loss of his tenure.

## Ravens 31, Cowboys 29

In Baltimore, Jacoby Jones tied an NFL record with a 108-yard kickoff return and Baltimore won its 14th straight regular-season home game.

Dallas ran for 227 yards, most ever against the Ravens, and totaled 481 yards offense. But the Cowboys (2-3) missed a 2-point conversion after closing to two points with 32 seconds left.

Dallas recovered the onside kick, and Dan Bailey was wide left on a 51-yard field goal try with 6 seconds left.

Ray Rice scored two touchdowns and Joe Flacco threw for a score to help the Ravens (5-1) secure their fourth consecutive victory and enhance their grip on first place in the AFC North. Baltimore's home winning streak is the longest current run in the NFL.

## Buccaneers 38, Chiefs 10

In Tampa Bay, Josh Freeman threw for 328 yards and three touchdowns and Ronde Barber scored on a 78-yard interception return.

Freeman teamed with Mike Williams on a 62-yard scoring play in the first quarter and threw TD passes of 19 and 17 yards to Vincent Jackson in the second half as the Bucs (2-3) stopped a three-game losing streak.

The Bucs intercepted Brady Quinn—starting for the Matt Cassel (concussion)—twice in the Kansas City quarterback's first start in nearly three years. They also limited NFL rushing leader Jamaal Charles to 40 yards on 12 carries.

## Browns 34, Bengals 24

In Cleveland, Rookie Brandon Weeden threw two touchdown passes and Cleveland snapped an 11-game losing streak that dated to last season.

Cleveland had not won since Nov. 20, matching a franchise record for consecutive losses. But for the first time this season

everything fell into place for the Browns (1-5).

Montario Hardesty, filling in for injured rookie Trent Richardson, scored on a 1-yard plunge and cornerback Sheldon Brown intercepted Andy Dalton and returned it 19 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter as the Browns outscored the Bengals (3-3) in the second half 27-10.

## Jets 35, Colts 9

In East Rutherford, Shonn Greene ran for a career-high 161 yards and three touchdowns, Mark Sanchez was efficient and Tim Tebow made a few big plays.

Even the Jets' maligned defense was able to shut down Andrew Luck and the Colts' offense as New York snapped a two-game losing streak that had many wondering if the season was about to spiral out of control.

For a week, at least, Sanchez was in total control and the Jets (3-3) had their best overall performance—save for a handful of personal foul penalties—since an opening-week rout of Buffalo.

## Dolphins 17, Rams 14

In Miami, Ryan Tannehill threw two touchdown passes and Miami withstood a late rally.

The Rams faced a fourth-and-8 at the Miami 48-yard line with 30 seconds left, and rather than go for a first down, coach Jeff Fisher sent out rookie Greg Zuerlein to try a 66-yard field goal, which missed wide left.

Zuerlein made two field goals to improve to 15 for 15 this season, but then missed three times in a row, including from 48 and 32 yards in the first half.

## Falcons 23, Raiders 20

In Atlanta, Matt Ryan and the Atlanta Falcons have plenty of mistakes to work on during their bye week.

Of course, it's sure easier to fix the problems when you're still unbeaten.

Asante Samuel returned an interception 79 yards for a touchdown in the closing minutes and Matt Bryant connected on a 55-yard field goal with 1 second remaining, allowing the Falcons to escape with a sloppy 23-20 victory over the Oakland Raiders.

# Sweden's Blixt wins Frys.com Open

**SAN MARTIN, Calif. (AP)—** Jonas Blixt is a frustrated hockey player turned golfer. He's also a winner in his first season on the PGA Tour.

"I was more interested in hockey. I wanted to be a hockey player," the Swede said Sunday after his breakthrough victory in the Frys.com Open. "I never really got big enough or good enough to play. Golf kind of suited me pretty well."

Blixt was a defenseman and



played hockey well into his teens.

"It's the greatest sport ever," he said. "The lockout just kills me."

The third PGA Tour rookie to win this season, Blixt holed a 4-foot par putt on the final hole for a 3-under 68 and a one-stroke victory in the Fall Series event at CordeValle. He earned

\$900,000 and a tour exemption through the 2014 season.

"The weird part is I've been working on some stuff with my swing, and I wasn't feeling completely 100 percent about my swing," Blixt said. "I just told myself, 'Just give it a good hit every time and see what happens. Just focus. You can't do anything better than your best.' That's what I did on every shot."

He finished at 16-under 268.

Tim Petrovic and Jason Kokrak tied for second. Petrovic had a 64, and Kokrak shot a 68.

Third-round leader John Mallinger had a 72 to tie for fourth at 14 under with Jimmy Walker, Vijay Singh and Alexandre Rocha. Walker closed with a 62, and Singh and Rocha shot 68.

Blixt made a 9-foot birdie putt on the par-5 15th for a share of the lead, and holed a 7 1/2-footer on the short par-4 17th to pull ahead. He set up the birdie on 17 with an ap-

proach shot from the rough.

"It was a bad lie, but the ball came out well," Blixt said.

Two strokes behind Mallinger entering the round, Blixt birdied the first two holes, but gave back the strokes with bogeys on the next two. The 28-year-old former Florida State player made a birdie on the par-4 sixth, then had eight straight pars before the birdie on 15.

Blixt was making his 19th PGA Tour start. He finished third last week in Las Vegas.

"You learn something every

time," Blixt said. "Last week I didn't play very well in the final round. I got a little too cute with some shots and wasn't aggressive enough."

The only other rookie winners this year are John Huh in the Mayakoba Golf Classic in February and Ted Potter Jr. in The Greenbrier Classic in July.

"First of all, my family is here, so it's been really relaxed," Blixt said. "I've barely touched a golf club after a round, which is really weird for me. A lot of people would say that's really weird."



# SLLB general meeting, election scheduled for Saturday

The Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. will hold its annual general membership meeting this Saturday.

The meeting, which was originally set last Saturday, but was reset due to the inclement

weather, will still be held at the pavilion outside the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium and will start at 9am. Officers of the 2012 SLLBI Board will also be elected at the general membership meeting and representatives of

teams that competed in last year's league and other interested individuals like coaches, managers, and parents are asked to attend the meeting and election.



The current SLLB board is composed of acting president Ray Yumul, secretary Piding Tenorio, treasurer Roman Reyes, umpire consultant James Miwata,

safety officer Robert Magafna, managers representative Yvonne Tarope, players agent Annie Flores, and chief statistician Remy Celis.

Meanwhile, after the meeting SLLBI will hand the tro-

phies to the champions in the Major, Junior, Senior, and Big League divisions.

For more information, contact Piding Tenorio at 285-1024 or Annie Flores at 285-1219. **(PR)**

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NFL STANDINGS									
AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
East									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	133	141			
New England	3	3	0	.500	188	137			
Miami	3	3	0	.500	120	117			
Buffalo	3	3	0	.500	137	192			
South									
Houston	5	1	0	.833	173	115			
Indianapolis	2	3	0	.400	100	145			
Tennessee	2	4	0	.333	114	204			
Jacksonville	1	4	0	.200	65	138			
North									
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	161	118			
Cincinnati	3	3	0	.500	149	163			
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	.400	116	115			
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	134	163			
West									
San Diego	3	2	0	.600	124	102			
Denver	2	3	0	.400	135	114			
Oakland	1	4	0	.200	87	148			
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	104	183			
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
East									
N.Y. Giants	4	2	0	.667	178	114			
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	103	125			
Washington	3	3	0	.500	178	173			
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	94	119			
South									
Atlanta	6	0	0	1.000	171	113			
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	120	101			
Carolina	1	4	0	.200	92	125			
New Orleans	1	4	0	.200	141	154			
North									
Chicago	4	1	0	.800	149	71			
Minnesota	4	2	0	.667	146	117			
Green Bay	3	3	0	.500	154	135			
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	126	137			
West									
Arizona	4	2	0	.667	110	97			
San Francisco	4	2	0	.667	152	94			
Seattle	4	2	0	.667	110	93			
St. Louis	3	3	0	.500	110	111			
FRYS.COM OPEN SCORES									
SAN MARTIN, California (AP) — Scores Sunday from the Frys.com Open, played at the 7,368-yard, par-71 CordeValle Golf Club.									
FINAL ROUND									
Jonas Blixt, \$900,000	66-68-66-68	268							
Jason Kokrak, \$440,000	68-66-67-68	269							
Tim Petrovic, \$440,000	70-68-67-64	269							
John Mallinger, \$196,875	66-62-70-72	270							

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## WHISPERING

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pion won all 14 games in the regular season and defeated Saipan International School A in the semifinals last Friday before downing SCS yesterday. SCS made it to the finals after defeating Mt. Carmel School in the other semis pairing last weekend.

“Everything came together for us this season. Our players’ skills improved a lot and they played their hearts out in every game,” said Young. “It’s nice that we were able to take the JV championship this season after winning it in the 2008-2009 season.

Whispering Palms’ 2008-2009 title victory was recorded against the favored GCA Eagles. Mark McDonald coached the squad to a thrilling three-set win over the Eagles, 25-12, 12-25, 16-14. Then in the next three

seasons, Whispering Palms managed to made it to playoffs only to lose in the semis twice (2009-2010 and 2010-2011) and in the finals last year. In the 2009-2010 competition, Whispering Palms fell to GCA in three sets. In the next season, the Terns had another heart-breaking three-set defeat at the hands of eventual champion SCS.

Last year, Whispering Palms survived the semis, topping Marianas Baptist Academy in two sets, only to falter against GCA in the finals, 27-29, 16-25.

Wounded, but definitely not broken, Whispering Palms came out on a mission this season and ruled the competition in style with its sweep.

“It is a good way to end the season undefeated. The championship is also a great send-off gift for our players who are moving up high school next year,” Young said.

## HI-FIVE

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its seven-game winning run snapped. Brett Sutton got two early fouls in the first period and was called for his fourth at the start of the third. James Abuy and Wowie Abuel attempted a lot of outside shots and missed most of them, while Bart Demapan and Darwin Barbo who usually cherry picks at the paint, muffed majority of their point-blank attempts. The PIC bench was then contented watching its hopes for a perfect regular season fall apart.

Dar Barcinas led Hi-Five’s even offense, as he scored 19 points, with 8 of them coming in the second quarter where his team began to pull away, taking a 42-33 halftime lead.

Down by a manageable deficit, PIC tried overhauling the lead with its outside shooting, but to no avail. James Abuy did

hit two triples, but he missed several before that and was even blocked twice. To make things worse for PIC, Sutton was held to a field goal in the third, struggling against Hi-Five defenders.

Hi-Five’s backcourt ganged up on Sutton when he was outside and getting ready to attack and when he was at the paint, Alex Standish, Charlie Peters, and Peter Mendiola were there to contain the PIC forward. Barbo and Demapan were also out of the equation and Standish got PIC frontliners’ numbers in the second half, as the Hi-Five lanky center drilled 12 of his 14 markers in that period.

By the end of the third, Hi-Five was way ahead, 68-49, with Standish scoring three straight baskets against Sutton in the closing minutes of that canto.

PIC completely lost the game in the first four and a half minutes of the fourth, as it went

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weightlifting.

Though White hinted that the cost of the Wallis & Futuna trip will be expensive, he still encouraged NMASA members to consider sending athletes to the Mini Games, particularly in sailing, athletics, and beach volleyball.

## ISLAND

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couple of baskets and his teammates, Ray Lizama and Haejun Park, helped out with 9 points for their 17-11 lead at the end of the first period.

Then Ray Duenas took the baton for Island Apparel in the second quarter, scoring 6 markers. He received mixed support, while only Bobby Geli was able to create a steady flow of offense for Pit Bulls. Geli managed 11 points in the first half, but needed a partner in crime, and thus Island Apparel marched on at halftime, 32-23.

Lizama smelled blood after the break and delivered 10 big points in the third frame, while Geli was held to meager three buckets. Island Apparel held a 14-point advantage, 53-39, heading into the final 10 minutes.

The Pit Bulls put together their best scoring effort in the last quarter, but were really just treading water, as Island Apparel denied any thought of a late comeback. Lizama tossed in another 10 points down the homestretch and led all scorers with 27 points, while Geli was the only double-digit producer on his team with 23. Pangeli-

Airfare alone would cost around \$3,000 and travel time will take days, according to White. The NMASA head will be in the French territory this weekend and his long journey started last Sunday when he arrived in Cairns and then in Sydney, Australia. He is expected to leave Sydney for Noumea, New Caledonia today and he will stay in the French territory

nan and Park combined for 21 points for Island Apparel.

It was a bad day to start out cold for Cybertech, which ran directly into a red hot Graphics Printing led by Sonny Ebuen and Bernard Montano in the ensuing 45A pairing.

The two fire starters mustered 15 points in the opening canto to lift Graphics Printing to a 21-6 advantage.

Cybertech then got three long range shots to drop in the second quarter and briefly gained some ground, but nine different players averred points for Graphics Printing on the other end to remain in control at the half, 45-34.

Cybertech gave it all in the third quarter and managed to pull within three-possessions after the third period, 56-63. However, Graphics Printing countered in the fourth quarter with one final push of its own and ended up running away in convincing fashion. Jun Abedes led Cybertech’s third quarter attack with 8 points and finished with a team-high 16, but was scoreless in the final period.

Moreover, Cybertech was never able to make a stand on defense at any point in the match and fell short in the closing leg, as Graph-

ics Printing buried three more treys and a big dose of layups in transition for good measure.

## Hoops 78, Archers 45

Also cruising to victory was the Oceanside Bar/Hoopaholics, who routed the Archers.

The Hoops finished the elimination round with a 5-3 record, tying Hi-Five for fourth place behind PIC (7-1), Mobil (6-1), and Ashley’s/Brabu (6-2), while the Archers had a 3-5 card, ending their three-game winning run.

The Hoops contained Ivan Devero to post the easy win. Devero, who averaged more than 20 points in their last three wins, was held to 8 points. He had only 2 markers in the opening canto, which ended with the Hoops threatening a breakaway, 21-8.

The Hoops never looked back from thereon, as four of their players recorded double figures in the one-sided game. Walter

for 12 hours before reaching his final destination by Thursday.

In Wallis & Futuna, White will be attending the 4th annual Pacific Sports Awards where the CNMI has nominees.

Tennis’ Rafael Jones is nominated for the Outstanding Junior Athlete of the Year, while baseball’s Joshua Jones and athletics’ Yvonne Bennett are the Commonwealth’s candidates for the

Male and Female Outstanding Athletes of the Year. Baseball’s Tony Rogolifo and Rose Igitol are vying for top officials honors, as they are nominated for the Outstanding Coach of the Year and the Outstanding Sports Administrator awards, respectively, while the 2011 Pacific Games gold medalist, CNMI Baseball Team, is aiming for the Team of the Year honors.

## 40A

Island Apparel 69 – Lizama 27, Pangelinan 11, Park 10, F. Babauta 6, C. Sablan 5, Duenas 4, M. Babauta 2, Masga 2, M. Sablan 2.

SA Pit Bulls 57 – Geli 23, Malicdem 9, D. Tabora 6, Guinto 5, Teng 5, Aguilar 4, Detera 2, Zapata 2, Surima 1.

Scoring by quarters: 17-11, 32-23, 53-39, 69-57.

## 45A

Graphics Printing 98 – S. Ebuen 23, Montano 17, Tobias 11, Pacheco 10, Farinas 8, O. Ebuen 7, Espinosa 6, Moreno 6, Villasan 6, Bicara 2.

Cybertech 75 – Abedes 16, Capuyon 11, D. Tabora 11, Tamundong 8, Esconde 6, Garcia 6, Morales 5, Buenabajo 4, Echavez 4, Mangubat 4.

Scoring by quarters: 21-6, 45-34, 63-56, 98-75.

## 50A

Joe Pangelinan 72 – Manalili 20, Villasan 12, Puno 9, Demapan 8, Garcia 8, Sitchon 8, J. Pangelinan 5

John Manglona 62 – Tamondong 21, Rogolifo 15, Mesa 12, Semens 12, Angeles 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-14, 40-30, 63-44, 72-62.





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## Whispering Palms clinches JV title

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The three-year drought for Whispering Palms is over.

Whispering Palms finally hoisted the junior varsity championship trophy in the Coalition of Private School Sports Association Volleyball League after dominating Saipan Community School in the finals, 25-9, 25-13, yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The champion team is composed of Negahr Rastguay, Steven Lee, Colin Ramsey, Maile Aldrich, Guineverre Borja, Rachel Kwon, Morris Villanueva, Gideon Borja, Suah Cho, Olivia Hirsh, Caitlin Tinney, Alisa Tsatsral, and Troy Young. Emily Young is Whispering Palms coach.

"It's a great feeling to finally win the championship. I have been coaching the team for the past two years and I felt that our squad really wanted to get the



crown this season after we fell short last year, losing to GCA in the finals. These kids have been together for some time, practicing and playing other sports so their teamwork and camaraderie are what brought us to the championship," Young said.

The Whispering Palms coach also credited their victory to the team's consistency and focus.

"Right at the very beginning of the finals our players were aggressive and they never gave SCS the chance to heat up. SCS may have the advantage in height, but our players made up for that with their quickness and athleticism," Young added.

The finals win over SCS kept Whispering Palms' perfect season. The newly crowned cham-

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Whispering Palms players and coach Emily Young, back row right, pose with their championship trophy after beating Saipan Community School in the finals of the COPSSA junior varsity volleyball league yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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## Hi-Five ends PIC's streak

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Hi-Five handed Pacific Islands Club its first and probably the worst beating in the 2012 Emon Lodge 179 Basketball League-Docomo Brotherhood Cup.

Pushing the right buttons almost the whole night, Hi-Five posted a lopsided 97-60 victory over the baffled PIC last Saturday at Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Hi-Five had a balance scoring, made baskets from all fronts, went for good shot selections, rotated its players well, kept its fouls in check, and hustled for the boards and loose balls to end its regular season campaign on a winning note and improved to a 5-3 record.

PIC did the opposite and had

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Foul-troubled Brett Sutton, left, of Pacific Islands Club, watches Hi-Five's Alex Standish attempts a jumper during the third quarter of their game in the Emon Lodge caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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## December deadline for Mini Games

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Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association has set a December deadline for teams interested in sending athletes to the 2012 Pacific Mini Games in Wallis & Futuna.

NMASA president Michael White said that local associations should turn in a letter of intent



on or before the NMASA December meeting.

Next year's Mini Games will run from Sept. 2 to 12 with eight sports included on the competition calendar:

athletics, beach volleyball, rugby 7's, sailing, taekwondo, canoe racing, volleyball, and

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## Island Apparel, 2 others triumph in Masters caging

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Island Apparel, Graphics Printing, and Joe Pangelinan's team came away victors in last weekend's games in the 2012 Masters Basketball Federation of the NMI Recreational League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Island Apparel outlasted the San Antonio Pit Bulls, 69-57, in the 40A division match last Sunday's; Graphics Printing torched Cybertech, 98-75, in the 45A pairing; and Pangelinan's team defeated John Manglona's squad, 72-62, in the 50A ticket.

Edgar Pangelinan got things rolling for Island Apparel with a

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Joe Pangelinan's George Villasan, right, streaks to the basket against John Manglona's Robert Tamondong during their 50A game in the Masters caging last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.